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## Kashmir mosque besieged, one dies

SRINAGAR, Aug 25, (Reuters): One person was killed and three others were injured when Indian security forces laid siege to a major Muslim mosque in Srinagar today.

Police said they believed militants fighting to take Muslim-dominated Jammu and Kashmir out of the Indian union were concealed among hundreds of worshippers at Friday prayers.

The siege ended about four hours later when 157 youths surrendered and were driven away under heavy guard in police buses, a police spokesman said.

The operation began after prayers when shots were fired at police patrolling the tense old part of Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir.

Hospital sources said one of the three people injured when police exploded tear-gas shells and fired guns in clashes with stone-throwing youths died of gunshot wounds in hospital.

Violence and frequent strikes in the state this year have driven away many of the tourists on which Kashmir depends.

The Jammu and Kashmir legislature this week passed a tough press censorship law to curb reporting of civil strife in the north Indian state, which editors have vowed to ignore.

India has accused Pakistan of arming the militants and sending them back across the border to foment trouble. Pakistan denies the charge.

## Training hit men

BOGOTA, Aug 25, (UPI): Colombian police yesterday released the names of 11 Britons and Israelis they said were hired to train death squads funded and operated by powerful drug cartels.

Gen Miguel Maza, head of Colombian secret police, said the 11 mercenaries trained at least 28 outlaw commando groups in the use of firearms and explosives and in intelligence-gathering techniques.

Maza's statements came a day after Israeli military officials launched an investigation into news reports linking Israeli mercenaries with Colombian drug traffickers.

Seven of the men on Maza's list were active in Colombia as recently as last month, the official said. They were identified as Yair Klein, John Owea, Dave Tomkins, R. Paxton, O. Glasgow, A. Dewar and P. Atherton.

Four others — Dean Shelley, Peter McAleer, Alex Lennox and Andres Gibson — also have travelled to Colombia to train death squads, Maza said.

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## Pakistan F-27 with 54 missing

ISLAMABAD, Aug 25, (Agence): A Pakistani airliner carrying 54 people disappeared in bad weather near 8,126-metre (26,660-foot) high Nanga Parbat, westernmost peak in the Himalayas today.

"We have no information yet about the fate of the plane, no information about any wreckage," a Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) official said.

Officials said the control tower at Gilgit lost radio contact with the Fokker F-27 Friendship a few minutes after it took off this morning. It failed to arrive in Islamabad, 300 kms (184 miles) to the southwest.

Aviation sources said an Air Force Hercules C-130 and a helicopter searching for the twin turbo-prop airliner were forced to return to Islamabad by driving rain.

The terrain between Gilgit in Kashmir and Islamabad is almost entirely towering mountains and narrow, isolated valleys.

The time at which contact was lost would put the Fokker close to Nanga Parbat, Pakistan's second highest mountain, south of Gilgit and 220 km (135 miles) northeast of Islamabad.

An airline booking clerk said the plane carried 44 adult passengers, five children and a crew of five.

Two had foreign-sounding names, he said. The others appeared to be Pakistanis and included some soldiers.

PIA operates a daily Fokker service to Gilgit, otherwise accessible only by a drive of at least 18 hours up the winding Indus valley, where landslides frequently block the road.

# Prosecute, Singh challenges Rajiv

Congress endorses Arab Times report

By Jadranka Porter and a special Caribbean correspondent for the Arab Times

NEW DELHI, Aug 25: Indian opposition leader V.P. Singh today openly challenged Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi to immediately prosecute him and his son Ajeya for the alleged possession of a secret foreign bank account and said he was warned by sources at

the prime minister's residence of a plot to kill him.

In a letter to Rajiv dated today, Singh accused the prime minister of using his "slander machine" against him to distract the attention from the embarrassment caused to the government

by last month's report on an arms deal with the Swedish company, Bofors.

The report established that Bofors paid millions of dollars in commissions to middlemen in India.

"On the first of every month I will ask you to publicly explain why you are scared to prosecute me now that you have been supplied with so called documentary evidence," Singh told Rajiv, in the letter.

The ruling Congress (I) Party and opposition leaders are locked in a protected exchange of accusations and personal attacks which are intensifying as national elections, expected to be held in December, draw closer.

Singh's letter, which sums up statements made by the opposition since the allegations of wrongdoing against Singh first appeared in the Arab Times last Sunday, came after the ruling Congress (I) Party endorsed the Arab Times report.

All India Congress (I) committee secretary general Gulam Nabi Azad was quoted yesterday as saying: "We are satisfied that the contents of the Arab Times report are valid. Once the facts come the action will follow."

He told the Arab Times he was speaking on behalf of both the party and the government.

Singh referred in his letter to a report in a pro-government paper, the Telegraph, that featured yesterday the purported bank statements of account number 29479 allegedly held by Ajeya Singh at the First Trust Corporation Limited.

The Telegraph claimed that several Indian nationals had had accounts with the bank which operated until last year in the Caribbean island of St Kitts. The paper said St Kitts is known as a tax haven where clients are guaranteed secrecy and where trust funds are often used to disguise the origin of laundered money.

The paper quoted the former general manager of the First Trust Corporation, George Maclean as saying that he could neither deny nor confirm that Ajeya Singh had had an account with the bank. He said he faces a five-year jail term if he discloses details about bank accounts.

Maclean said he did not recall signing an agreement with Ajeya Singh but added that a number of accounts were held by Indian nationals. All records are sealed and they will never be opened, he stressed.

But two other former employees of the bank were quoted as saying in a statement to India abroad news service in New York that neither V.P. Singh nor his son had had an

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## Naval buildup close to Beirut

BEIRUT, Aug 25, (Agencies): Soviet envoy Gennady Tarasov shuttled between Beirut and Damascus today seeking to end the savage warfare between Lebanese Christians and Syrian troops as pro-Iranian militants warned French warships off Lebanon to keep their distance.

French radio reports said US 6th fleet vessels, led by the battle-ship Iowa, were anchored 50 miles (80 kilometres) off Lebanon, almost the same distance as the French naval flotilla which assembled in the eastern Mediterranean this week.

The reports broadcast by French-Inter and France-Info also said the Soviet missile launcher Kirov was heading toward the Mediterranean to join other ships already there.

The Soviet government denied the report, and Washington played down its naval presence in the region.

Sheikh Sobhi Tofeli, a senior official in Hezbollah, said the Shiite Muslim group was "in a state of war with the French forces."

"We shall practice our right in this regard and defend ourselves against the French who have declared war on us by coming close to our coast," he said in a statement carried by An-Nahar and other publications.

Police said at least three people were killed and eight wounded in clashes in Beirut today during which Syrian gunners also poured scores of rockets and mortar rounds on a 28-mile (45-kilometre) coastal stretch in the Christian heartland.

The new casualties brought the overall toll to 794 people killed and 2,222 wounded since March 8.

In Washington, Cmdr. Mel Sunden at the Defense Department said the Iowa was on a port call in Turkey several days ago, and another 6th fleet vessel, the Coral Sea, was sighted near Greece, so it was likely that both were in the eastern Mediterranean today.

He said there was some communication between US and French vessels in the region, but the US activity was routine and the nations were not combining forces.

A Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman, Yuri Gromitskiikh, said: "There are no Soviet military vessels off Lebanon's coast." He added that the Kirov had not left its base on the Kola peninsula and "no Soviet military vessels are heading to Lebanon's shores."

The Soviet envoy crossed Beirut's dividing Green Line for separate meetings today with the Maronite Catholic Patriarch, Nasrallah Stgh, north of Beirut, then with Christian Army Commander Michel Aoun, in bunker of the devastated presidential palace in suburban Baabda.



Colour protest

A 17-year-old school coloured South African boy, Gary Gordon, was shot yesterday after placard protest at his school. Gordon was one of three schoolchildren injured when police opened fire with shotguns after the protest at the school in the 'coloured' (mixed race) township of Mitchells Plain. (Reuters wirephoto)



A file picture of a Fokker F-27 plane. (Reuters wirephoto)

## US detecting tax evaders

WASHINGTON, Aug 25, (AP): The US Treasury claims to have evidence that many Americans living in other countries are cheating on their income tax, and it has a new way to track the culprits: by studying their passport renewals.

Bryan L. Musselman of the Internal Revenue Service says that US consulates abroad began last year to report to the Treasury Department the names of US citizens applying for new passports, an indication those citizens were living abroad.

Musselman, writing earlier this month in a Treasury publication called "trend analysis and related statistics," called this "a powerful new source of information" for the IRS.

Some 73,000 applications were recorded the first year. Revenue officials are matching the names from the State Department against their master file to see who is filing tax returns and who isn't.

Musselman estimates that hundreds of thousands of Americans living abroad aren't filing tax returns.

## Rushdie and wife living separately: publishers

LONDON, Aug 25, (Reuters): British writer Salman Rushdie, under Iranian death threats since February, and his American wife have been living separately for the last month, her publishers said today.

It was unclear from the terse statement whether the marriage between the author of "The Satanic Verses" and novelist Marianna Wiggins was in difficulties. The couple married last year.

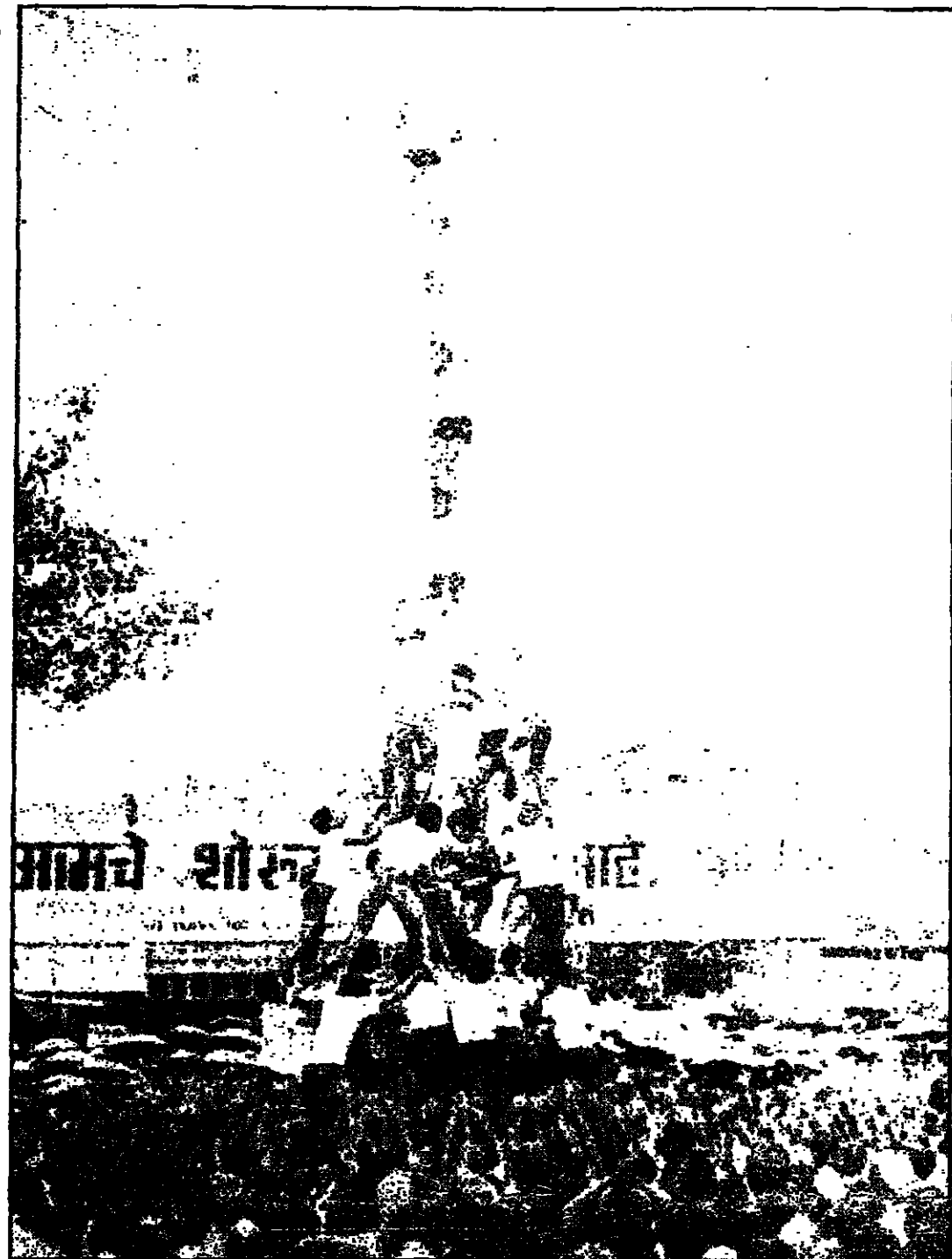
"She and her husband ... have been living separately for four weeks," Wiggins' publishers Secker and Warburg said.

Rushdie and Wiggins have been in hiding since the late Iranian spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini ordered Muslims to kill him for blasphemy against Islam in "The Satanic Verses". The Indian-born author has denied the book blasphemed against Islam.

"Scotland Yard (police) security arrangements for the protection of Rushdie have been reordered ... and Wiggins does not know where he is," the statement said.

The publishers said Wiggins, 48, "requests privacy and she is not prepared to discuss the matter further."

In the poem entitled "6 March 1989" Rushdie says he refuses to be silenced despite attacks on him



All for money and butter

Young men form a precarious human pyramid to reach a pot containing money and butter hung about 40 feet high in Bombay on Thursday. They

were celebrating the birth anniversary of Hindu deity Krishna who, according to legend, stole butter as a child, perched on helpful mates. (Reuters wirephoto)

## NEWSWATCH

**Close US bases:** Twelve senators signed a resolution on Thursday calling for closing US military bases on this strategic southeast Asian archipelago in 1991, officials said.

The endorsement was a sign that there may be growing sentiments in the 23-member senate to block ratification of any agreement extending leases for the US military facilities, said co-sponsors of the resolution. (AP) (Full Report — Page 5)

**Live points of sale:** A video firm posted hundreds of Chinese rat snakes with its latest horror film, causing panic when they wriggled out of their boxes and slid across video shop counters.

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to animals (RSPCA) was flooded with telephone calls. It has placed its inspectors on full alert ready to retrieve the 438 silver-grey non-venomous snakes sent out so far.

"Whenever we launch a new video title, we normally send to our distributors posters, sleeves and cardboard cut-outs. With this film, we decided to send snakes. In marketing terms it's called live points of sale." (Reuters)

**No response:** Pakistan has not received any response so far to "the strong protest" lodged by its ambassador in New Delhi on Tuesday over the arrest by Indian police of a Pakistani embassy official, officials sources said.

In his protest note Ambassador Niaz Naik had denied the involvement of embassy official Abdul Shakoor in "undesirable activities" in New Delhi. (KUNA)

**Military exercise:** Pakistan is to hold its biggest military exercise since independence in 1947, just 200 kilometres from its eastern border with India, according to a report in London on Thursday.

Jane's Defence Weekly quoted the Chief of the Army Staff, General Mirza Aslam Baig, as saying the winter manoeuvres will involve seven or eight infantry divisions, one armoured division and several artillery and engineering brigades.

The Pakistan Air Force is also to be heavily involved, the weekly publication added. (KUNA)

## Dial-a-planet

PASADENA, California, Aug 25, (UPI): Space buffs can dial a special telephone hotline to hear the latest scoop on the good ship Voyager 2 and its rendezvous with the planet Neptune.

The National Space Society is sponsoring dial-a-planet — 1-900-909-Nasa. A toll charge of \$2 for the first minute and 45 cents for each additional minute applies to each call.

"This phone link to another world will enable the public to eavesdrop on the Voyager 2," the space society said. "Callers to dial-a-planet will hear up-to-the-minute details of Voyager as the data is received and interpreted by scientists at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory," the society said.

Dial-a-planet will be available continuously until Sunday morning.

**Palestinian question:** A senior PLO official has warned that foot-dragging on finding a settlement for the Palestinian question could pose serious threat to the whole Mideast region and said the uprising will be enhanced through advanced techniques.

Head of the PLO political department Farouq Qadumi added in an interview in Belgrade with KUNA that the US was to blame for the slow pace of its dialogue with the PLO. (KUNA)

**Sex scandal-tainted minister quits:** Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu's right-hand man stepped down as chief government spokesman on Friday after admitting an illicit affair and was replaced immediately by a woman. "It is not good for me to stay in Kaifu's cabinet which aims at political reform and clean politics," Chief Cabinet Secretary Tokuo Yamashita, 69, told reporters.

Kaifu's office announced that Yamashita would be replaced by Mayumi Moriama, 61. Moriama, Japan's first woman chief cabinet secretary, is a member of parliament and was head of the environmental agency. (Reuters)



Time for reflection

Dith Pran, a Cambodian journalist, is pictured here in deep thought during a press conference following his first visit to his homeland since his escape



Beauty in a cage

American model Dominique Adams, 22, is shown under detention at the Manila city jail. She is charged with possessing firearms illegally. The picture was taken on Wednesday, a day before she posted bail of 180,000 pesos to gain temporary liberty. (Reuters wirephoto)



# Kidneys-for-cash trade flourishes

OTTAWA, Aug. 25, (Reuters): A kidneys-for-cash trade is flourishing in the Far East and India, with a growing number of poor selling their organs for rich patients who may pay up to \$20,000, according to health officials.

The trade, spurred by recent success in organ transplant operations and a shortage of kidneys, attracts unscrupulous middlemen who along with hospitals profit most from the sales, usually leaving donors with little more than \$1,000 the officials told a health conference this week.

Physicians also cited unconfirmed reports of children being kidnapped and killed and their kidneys sold.

"He is so desperate to live he will sell you his organ. But he is exploited," George Abouna, chairman of the organ transplant unit of Ministry of Health, Kuwait, told Reuters at the conference.

ference on the moral and legal issues of transplants. "It is morally offensive."

While kidneys have been sold for years around the world, the trade is mounting due in part of the availability since 1985 of the drug cyclosporine, which helps the body adapt to a new organ.

Health officials have been unable to determine how widespread the sales are but said more and more wealthy renal patients from the Middle East, Europe and North America are travelling to India, the Philippines and Thailand to obtain transplants.

Hundreds of a year are estimated to be done in India alone.

Facilities are often unsanitary and hospitals eager to discharge patients after operations without the crucial supervision for complications that often arise in the first three months after a transplant.

In many cases, hospitals do not adequately screen donors for

## Hospital finds a way out in use of kids' organs

OTTAWA, Aug. 25, (KUNA): A Canadian hospital is going ahead with a controversial plan to use the organs of babies who are born without brains.

About 100 anencephalic children are born in Canada each year. Normally they live for a few weeks at the most. In the past, North American hospitals have already used their organs in a certain number of transplant operations. But a year ago, the Canadian and American Pediatric Societies called for a moratorium on the ethics of using the organs of children born without brains.

Now, a world-wide conference, being held in Ottawa, Canada's capital, on the ethics surrounding transplant operations, was told that the children's hospital in western Ontario is going ahead

with an experimental transplant programme, which hopes to settle the ethical and legal issues surrounding anencephalic babies.

One controversial question is whether the infants are actually dead when their organs are removed. Another question is whether it is cruel to extend the lives of these infants through the use of respirators so as to keep their organs in good condition, instead of simply letting them die a quick, natural death.

The Canadian hospital, led by Dr. Timothy Frewen, hopes to solve the ethical issues by allowing the babies to die through cardiac arrests. When the heart stops, the body is put on an artificial respirator so that the vital organs still receive oxygen, while waiting to be transplanted.

disease and some recipients have contracted AIDS, hepatitis and tuberculosis in the procedure.

"I think it is a matter of time before greedy brokers, middlemen and hospitals begin to resort to obtaining organs for high profits using illegal means and

will quite likely enter the realm of the underground, criminal world as is the case in drug trafficking," Abound told delegates.

Rosalie Bertell of the Geneva-based International Commission of Health Professionals, which monitors human rights abuse by

physicians, cited unconfirmed reports from Mexico of unearthed remains of children with missing organs and "fattening houses" in Central American where street children are nursed back to health before being killed for organs or sold for adoption or prostitution.

## 3 held in death of Adamson

NAIROBI, Aug. 25, (AP): Police have arrested three people in the death last week of conservationist George Adamson of northern Kenya Game Reserve. The Kenya Times reported today.

Adamson, 83, and his wife Joy had won international acclaim for their raising of lions in captivity for return to the wild. Their achievements led to the movie "Born Free" and the sequel "Living Free."

Both movies were based on books by Joy, who was slain at the north-western Shamba Game Reserve in 1980 by a servant she had dismissed on suspicion of theft.

Adamson and two assistants were shot dead Aug. 20 in an encounter near his camp with three attackers armed with automatic rifles.

The party-owned newspaper said police arrested three men in a five-day search at the Kora National Reserve where Adamson trained lions born in captivity to return to the wild.

Police commissioner Philip Kilonzo was not immediately available for comment and Richard Leakey, the director of wildlife management, said he had no way of confirming or denying the report.

The newspaper said police were interrogating the suspects and planned to place them before workers who witnessed the shooting, for possible identification.

# Sri Lanka extends emergency laws

## Soldiers torch houses

COLOMBO, Aug. 25, (Agencies): Parliament yesterday extended strict emergency laws for another month and a senior cabinet minister vowed to eliminate Sinhalese radicals.

Intensified violence in the radical Sinhalese campaign has claimed at least 1,130 lives in the past 40 days. The latest deaths included 39 people killed or found dead on Wednesday and yesterday, military officials said.

Foreign Minister Ranjan Wijeratne told Parliament that five government calls for peace talks with the People's Liberation Front (JVP) had been ignored.

"There cannot be any more compassion," said Wijeratne, who is also deputy defence minister. "The forces will relentlessly go after the terrorists and eliminate them."

The 225-seat Parliament approved the extension of emergency laws by 110 votes to 77. The laws give the police and army sweeping powers to arrest suspects and detain them without charges. The forces are also empowered to dispose of bodies without judicial inquests.

## Detroit rapist jailed for 60 years

DETROIT, Aug. 25, (UPI): A Detroit man was sentenced to serve 40 to 60 years in prison for raping a 14-year-old girl swapped by her mother to repay a crack cocaine debt.

Anthony Sawyer, 29, was sentenced yesterday by Wayne County Circuit Judge John Patrick O'Brien, who told Sawyer he would have preferred to "put someone like you in a cell and weld the door shut and leave you there to rot."

Sawyer passed out after hearing his sentence and was carried out of the courtroom to await transfer to southern Michigan prison at Jackson.

Just prior to Sawyer's sentencing, the 14-year-old victim told a hushed courtroom, "the hour I spent with Anthony Sawyer is the worst hour I have ever spent in my life ... I'll never forget it."

In May 1988, the girl, then 13, was swapped by her mother Susan Barbier, to repay a crack cocaine debt, said assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Kelly Ramsey. Barbier faces sentencing next Tuesday for aiding and abetting the rape, Ramsey said.

Emergency laws were clamped on June 20 and have been extended every month since then.

The latest victims of the Sinhalese war were eight policemen killed Wednesday in an ambush of their jeep, patrolling Meegahatenna village, 40 kilometres (25 miles) south of Colombo, military officials said. They cannot be identified under briefing rules.

At least 16 other bodies were discovered in other parts of the island, the military officials said. Ten bodies with hands tied behind the back and gunshot wounds in the head were found 25 kilometres (15 miles) south-east of Colombo, they said.

Six bodies were found at the town of Alutgama, they said.

Opposition groups and human rights organisations allege security forces and pro-government vigilante groups are killing suspected militants. The government has denied the charges but senior officials have privately admitted "excesses" by the army and the police.

Soldiers torched more than 24 houses during search operations today in a sealed southern fishing town where security forces are reported to have killed and publicly cremated at least 35 people suspected to be Sinhalese radicals, witnesses said.

Defence Ministry officials refused to comment on the reports emanating from Tangalla, a former beach resort 100 miles (160 km) south of Colombo which has recently been a hotbed of activity by JVP insurgents.

Officials in Southern Province said a full curfew had been clamped on Tangalla district and that a security operation was underway, but declined to give any details.

"A lot of orphan kids and street kids are very vulnerable," she said in an interview. Demand now doubles supply. It's a seller's market."

## Extremists kill six in Punjab

AMRITSAR, Aug. 25, (AP): Sikh gunmen killed a farmer and his girlfriend as they slept, then his father and the girl's mother who were sleeping together in a neighbouring house, police said yesterday.

Suspected Sikh extremists killed a local leader's father and brother in Badawal village, 60 kilometres (37 miles) south of Amritsar on Wednesday night, an officer said.

The 26-year-old farmer, Lakhvinder Singh, and his girlfriend Bheero, 22, were alone in the house in Chosial village, north of Amritsar, when four to six gunmen burst into their room and opened fire, said Baldev Singh, senior superintendent of police.

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# US may extradite Greek banker

BOSTON, Aug. 25, (Agencies): A fugitive Greek banker, accused in a multimillion-dollar embezzlement scheme that helped topple the government of premier Andreas Papandreu, may be extradited to his homeland, a magistrate has ruled.

In her order of extradition yesterday, US magistrate Joyce Alexander found that the charges against George Koskotas merited extradition under a United States treaty with Greece, particularly his alleged use of a fraudulent travel visa.

Koskotas, 35, former chairman of the Bank of Crete, is accused by Greek authorities of embezzling \$200 million from 1986 to 1988 by placing the bank's funds in his own accounts and accounts held by his associates.

Koskotas maintains he acted with the approval of Papandreu and put the money into accounts controlled by the premier's party.

Alexander's ruling clears the way for the State Department to send Koskotas back to Greece, according to assistant US attorney Victor A. Wild.

Susan Kempe, a Greek desk officer at the State Department in Washington, could not immediately say what action the department would take.

But Alexander granted attorneys for Koskotas a stay to prepare an appeal. Koskotas will remain in custody here until that process is completed.

Koskotas had earlier refused to testify at his extradition hearing. "I am afraid if I testify here today I would endanger the lives of my wife and children," he told the court.

His attorney, Ron Liebman, said that Koskotas fled Brazil shortly after learning Greek secret police were dispatched with orders to kill him.

Among other things, Koskotas is accused of arranging a loan to be deposited in a German bank, funnelled through his brother, Stavros Koskotas, and used to purchase a major soccer player from the German soccer club Eintracht Frankfurt for his team, Olympiakos.

Koskotas has been held at the Essex county jail in Salem since he was arrested by federal authorities in November 1988 when he arrived from Brazil.

The Greek Parliament voted yesterday to try former cabinet minister Nikos Athanassopoulos in a special court for his involvement in the "corn scandal," a scam in which a government-owned company defrauded the European Economic Community out of \$1.6 million in subsidies.

Following a two-day debate, the Parliament, voting 170-118, found Athanassopoulos, a member of the Panhellenic Socialist Movement, guilty of involvement in the 1985 plot. He is one of several socialist leaders, including Papandreu, being investigated on corruption charges by Parliament.

Athanassopoulos was involved in a 1985 scheme in which a government-controlled export company sold 9,000 tons of Yugoslav corn claiming it was Greek corn in order to pocket \$1.6 million in subsidies from the European Economic Community.

When the European Economic Community discovered the illegal transaction in 1987, it fined Greece \$2.5 million.

Both Athanassopoulos, who addressed Parliament, and his socialist colleagues, who spoke in his defence, claimed he was only trying to cover up the scandal for the good of Greece.

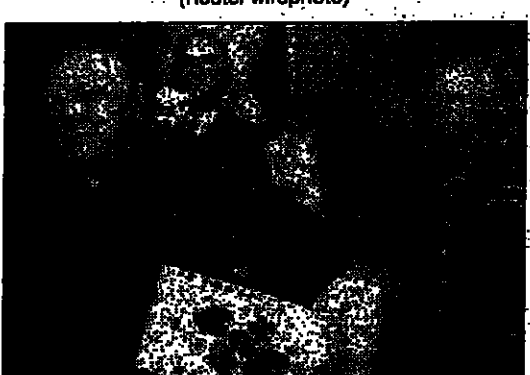
He said he was not involved in the selling of the corn, but he and other "responsible ministers" had decided to cover up the scandal in the country's interests.



Whale of a job

Conservationists trucked 10 stranded whales across New Zealand's narrow northern tip yesterday to save their lives. The pilot whales, weighing up to two tonnes each, were survivors of a school of 56 that beached itself on an isolated west coast beach. Forty-six died on Wednesday before conservationists and volunteers could rescue them.

Local volunteers poured water over the whales and one woman sang Maori songs to soothe the whales during an experience that conservationists said was highly stressful. (Reuters wirephoto)



War show

A Madame Tussaud's colourist gives the last touch to a wax figure of Sir Winston Churchill which is part of a special tableau to commemorate 50 years since the start of the Second World War, at the Madame Tussaud's wax museum on Thursday. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Getting nowhere fast

# Slow campaign

PONTYPRIDD, Wales, Aug. 25, (AP): Myrddin Thomas was fined yesterday for driving too slowly, but said he'd do it again because "the world is going too fast."

The former coal miner was fined £50 (\$80) by magistrates for driving 20 miles (30 kilometres) per hour in a 30-mile (50 kilometre) per-hour zone, causing a two-mile (three kilometre) traffic backup.

"When he was cautioned by police, he said he always drives slowly," Prosecutor Alison Morris told the court.

Magistrate Richard Evans told Thomas his driving could cause frustrated motorists behind him to crash.

But outside the court, the 53-year-old Welshman was unrepentant. "Sometimes I drive as slowly as 10 miles (15 kilometres) per hour, but I do it because then I feel safe. The world is going too fast and it would be better if everyone drove like me," he said.

Thomas would have found a warm welcome in nearby Shropshire County, over the border in England, where local authorities are campaigning to draw tourists who drive 30 miles (48 kilometres) per hour or less.

Woman detained: Police have detained a 44-year-old woman near this southern Spanish resort in connection with a 1987 kidnap of a Lebanese millionaire's five-year-old daughter, Spanish state radio said yesterday.

The woman, named as Nadine Eudene, was suspected of involvement in the kidnap of Melodie Nakachin, daughter of Lebanese businessman Raymond Nakachin, in Marbella in November 1987.

The radio said Eudene, the mother of one of Melodie's schoolfriends, was arrested earlier this week. A bid not give her nationality and did not say if she had been charged. (Reuters)

Rats threat: A plague of disease-carrying rats is threatening to invade towns and villages throughout Britain, a report warned here today.

The rat population has increased by 20 percent in just 12 months, according to an "institution of environmental health officers" survey.

The warm weather, litter, farmers' insufficient pest control and building work all played their part, said the study.

And while there is little likelihood of a return to the Black Death ages, the risk of other diseases is increasing, it cautioned.

Growing numbers of public complaints led the institution to carry out an investigation involving nearly two-thirds of council chief environmental health officers in England and Wales. (KUNA)

Youth shot: A black teenager was shot to death by a gang of up to 30 white youths when he went with friends to a white section of New York City to buy a used car, police said yesterday.

Four people have been arrested in the Wednesday night incident that police fear might spur racial unrest in the city. A television camera crew visiting the black neighbourhood where victim Yusuf Hawkins lived was pelted with rocks and bottles and local black leaders have called for protests. (Reuters)

Leland buried: Congressman Mickey Leland, who was killed en route to an Ethiopian refugee camp, was buried yesterday in a private service attended by family members and a few friends.

A US Air Force C-130 jet carried Leland's flag-draped coffin from Washington to Ellington Field in Houston, Texas, where about 50 people gathered for its arrival Wednesday.

They watched in silence as Leland's coffin was taken off the plane by an all-military team of pallbearers. Two women held an abstract banner in red, green, black and gold banner that they made in his honour. The Texas Democrat was buried yesterday at Golden Gate cemetery. (AP)

Plead innocent: Two men pleaded innocent yesterday to charges they conspired to sell sophisticated computer equipment to the Soviet Union in violation of US export rules.

US magistrate Philip K. Sweigart set trial for Oct 16 for David Whyte of Maryland, Gary O'Garra, and John Townsend, a British citizen who had been living in New Castle, Australia.

The pair are charged with three other men and two companies in a scheme in which they allegedly conspired to export US-made computer equipment without a Commerce Department export licence. (AP)

Partial control: Firefighters backed by aircraft dumping tonnes of water, brought wildfires under partial control today as they threatened to devastate scores of summer cottages and nearby villages 40 kilometres (25 miles) north of the capital.

First broke out yesterday in forests near the summer communities of Kapandriti and Varnavas while another front swept close to Lake Marathron. The lake used as a reservoir, is one of Athens' sources of water.

Low flying firefighting aircraft dropping tonnes of water, brought the fires spreading towards the summer communities under control but they were unable to diminish the flames near Lake Marathron, said an announcement from fire control centre. (AP)

Alcohol abuse: Alcoholism is the number one socio-medical problem in Switzerland, Swiss dailies reported today.

Reporting on the findings of the federal commission for alcohol-related problems, released yesterday, the details said there are 150,000 alcoholics in the country.

Alcoholism was no longer considered a vice but an illness which not only affected the alcoholics but their dependents and others who came into contact with them, according to the state councillor Monika Weber, president of the commission. (KUNA)

Drunk pilot: A pilot who crashed his sports plane in southern Germany last week, killing himself and his passenger, was completely drunk and did not have a flying licence, a police spokesman said yesterday.

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# 'Green cards' will soon be in the pink

WASHINGTON, Aug 25, (AP): "Green cards" verifying an alien's permanent resident status in the United States have been off-white since 1977. But they are being changed to pink to curtail a black market in the documents, an official said yesterday.

"You can buy a lousy reproduction" of the old green cards for \$5,000 to \$10,000 said Immigration and Naturalisation Service spokesman Verne Jervis.

"But people have been known to pay \$20,000," he said. "It depends on how much money the person is willing to pay."

"Some people will pay an almost unend-

ing amount of money" for the cards, he said.

Card holders have all the rights and privileges of US citizens, except that they cannot vote, may not leave the country for more than a year without losing permanent resident status and do not hold US passports, he said.

The new cards will be phased in over time, said Jervis.

Production of the new cards began Aug 1 at the immigration card facility in Arlington, Texas. The \$4 million changeover of equipment will be complete within a few months. Until then, some of the cards

being issued will remain the familiar off-white colour, he said.

The INS changed the cards for several reasons, he said.

"One, it's an improved card, as far as duplicating it is concerned," he said. "It has some additional security features, such as the special ink" that helps combat forgeries.

"Another reason is that the equipment that we have been producing the card on for the last 12 years is due for a replacement anyway," Jervis said. "New technology has evolved — during that time. As long as we have to get new equipment, we may as

well take advantage of the new technology."

One feature of the new card is a stamped expiration date, he said. The laminated cards will be valid for 10 years.

The cards also have the individual's picture, fingerprint, name, date of birth and file number on the front and encoded information on the back, he said.

The new cards, due to their encoded information, will enable those who want replacements to apply by mail rather than in person, which had been required for the old cards, he said.



Scientists Tsui, left, Collins, centre, and Riordan celebrate their breakthrough with cystic fibrosis victim Ashley Dryer, 4. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Doctors stalk killer

### Cystic fibrosis gene isolated

NEW YORK, Aug 25, (AP): Researchers announced yesterday that they had discovered and isolated the gene that causes cystic fibrosis, a landmark finding that could lead to new treatments for the devastating killer of young people.

Robert Dressing, president of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, called the gene discovery the "most significant scientific breakthrough" in the fight against the disease in the last four decades.

"We can finally look into the eyes of children and young adults with cystic fibrosis and tell them that the door to their future has been opened," Dressing said.

The discovery should help reveal just what goes wrong in the body to cause the disease, which in turn may suggest how to treat the root of the disease rather than just its effects, scientists said.

The work will also help permit greatly expanded testing to identify people who unknowingly carry the gene in a defective form that causes the disease and who could pass it along to offspring, said researcher Lap-Chee Tsui.

These "carriers" remain healthy because they carry only a single copy of a defective form of the newfound gene. The disease does not appear unless a person inherits two defective copies, one from each parent.

Currently, carriers can be identified only if their family has had a case of cystic fibrosis, and even then

not all carriers can be detected. Knowing the gene should eventually make testing available to the general population, scientists said.

Tsui, of the Hospital for Sick Children Research Institute in Toronto, Canada, spoke in a telephone interview before.

Tsui, Jack Riordan of the institute and Francis Collins of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor led the research team, which also included scientists from the Frederick Cancer Research Facility in Frederick, Maryland, and the University of Pittsburgh.

Cystic fibrosis is the most common lethal genetic disease of young people in North America, afflicting about 30,000 US citizens, according to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in Bethesda, Maryland.

The disease makes the body produce abnormally thick, sticky mucus that clogs the lungs and digestive system, interfering with breathing and digestion.

Half of patients die before reaching their mid-20s, mostly from repeated lung infections.

For cystic fibrosis, the discovery of the gene is "the most exciting event since this disease was first described in the medical literature 50 years ago," said Robert Beall, executive vice-president for medical affairs at the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, which helped support the research.

## Men not as sexy as they think: poll

NEW YORK, Aug 25, (UPI): A third of the 1,100 women polled for a nationwide survey released Tuesday believe men are as good sex partners as they would like to think they are and more than 25 percent wish their sex lives were more satisfying.

The survey, commissioned by Self magazine and conducted by two independent research firms, also found that 80 percent of the women polled said they will not start a new sexual relationship unless it consists only of safe sex.

The poll of 1,100 women between the ages of 18-49 found that sex ranked fifth in importance in a marriage, behind communication, appreciation, companionship and being able to share children and chores.

The "new diversity" study, conducted by Significance Inc. and Langer Associates said 46 percent of the women polled believe men are not as good sexual partners as they would like.

Twenty-eight per cent of the women polled said they wish their sex lives were more satisfying.

The survey also indicated that single women are becoming increasingly independent, with 34 per cent saying they have seriously considered raising a child as a single mother.

And, contrary to the image of the old maid, only one in 10 unmarried women feels they could not be happy without a permanent relationship with a man and only 25 per cent agreed that being single is lonely.

## PEOPLE AND PLACES

PLYMOUTH, England: Canadian Jane Weber sailed into Plymouth in Southwest England late on Wednesday night at the end of a solo crossing of the Atlantic Ocean aboard her 13-metre (43-foot) yacht, Tilley Endeavour.

She is the first Canadian woman to sail across the Atlantic single handed.

Tired but obviously elated, the 44-year-old woman received a tumultuous welcome at Plymouth's Millbay Marina from a group of Canadians that had gathered to greet her. (AP)

SAN ANTONIO, Texas: A 6-year-old boy who became trapped in an abandoned water main for 30 minutes after climbing in on a dare was freed when paramedics poured dishwashing liquid on his body to make him slippery enough to pull him out.

Bobby Pittman was taken to a hospital with minor injuries after the ordeal on Wednesday night. The pipe in which he got stuck was about 1 foot (0.3 metres) in diameter and about 3 feet (one metre) deep.

"We got him to relax and as soon as we got him to relax enough, we got him to slide out" by lubricating his body with the dishwashing liquid, paramedic David Willis said. (AP)

VENICE, Italy: This year's Venice Film Festival will feature 23 films from 21 countries in the competition for the Golden Lion award, festival director Goffredo Biondi said on Wednesday.

Organisers said the festival also will feature a homage to French author and film-maker Jean Cocteau to commemorate the 100th anniversary of his birth.

The festival which runs from Sept 3 to Sept 15, opens with Mahabharata, a film directed by Peter Brook that is based on an ancient Sanskrit epic. (AP)

ALEXANDRIA, Virginia: A US judge on Wednesday refused to stop distribution of a book about former Marine Sgt. Clayton Loestee, who was court-martialed in the sex-for-secrets scandal at the US embassy in Moscow.

Loestee, formerly of St Paul, Minnesota, claimed that the book The Court-Martial of Clayton Loestee, is based on confidential information obtained by his defence team and jeopardised his appeal. His complaint filed earlier this month named publisher Henry Holt and Co. Inc., of New York and sought \$100,000 in punitive damages. (AP)

NEWPORT BEACH, California: A pilot charged with resisting arrest after flying in restricted airspace over former President Ronald Reagan's home last year was found innocent. A municipal court jury on Tuesday acquitted Douglas Davis of the misdemeanor charge.

"I just feel super, great. It feels good to be a free man again," said Davis. (AP)

Davis' attorney, Scott Raphael, said the decision bolsters his client's \$1 million civil suit, which contends an Orange County sheriff's deputy used excessive force against him while he was detained for questioning by US agents. (AP)

INSTITUTE, West Virginia: The neighbourhood stray dog dragged a shopping bag containing \$25,000 worth of the drug crack into a woman's driveway, prompting state police Sgt Don Cook to say: "You've heard of drug pushers. This was a drug puller."

The dog, which roams the neighbourhood in which the woman lives, left the bag in her driveway on Monday night. Cook said on Tuesday she was going to throw it out with the trash on Tuesday, but looked in the bag first.

"It had these strange vials that she couldn't identify. She thought they might be drugs, so she called us," Cook said. (AP)

ATLANTA: Not everyone attending Willie Nelson's concert was there just to hear the music. Two Georgian farmers also wanted to shake his hand.

"I would like to thank Mr Nelson for his help because without him I wouldn't be farming," said Frederick Hall, who along with Carl Whitehead met briefly with Nelson backstage before the Sunday night concert at Chastain Park.

Nelson is president of Farm Aid Inc., a non-profit organisation that has raised \$10 million over the last four years for needy farmers. Sunday's show was not a farm aid benefit. (AP)

## Forbes won't write off birthday bash

NEW YORK, Aug 25, (AP): Malcolm Forbes says his children ultimately will pay for his lavish birthday party in Morocco and that he won't try to write off his income taxes as a business expense.

"My children gave me the party. I'm picking up the tab. But in a few years they'll be picking up the business and so what I have spent on this birthday party in effect is coming out of their inheritance," Forbes said Wednesday.

The business magazine publishers had come under criticism over published reports quoting him and his son, Malcolm Forbes Jr., as saying they considered some of the \$2 million in party costs to be business expenses. That led to speculation that Forbes was planning to use part of the birthday tab as a tax deduction.

In a news conference Wednesday, Forbes said that while a case could be made for using the party costs as a business deduction, "not a penny" would be written off.

"It was never planned to be a tax-deductible trip," Forbes said. "Where people got the notion... I presume they got it because three-quarters of the people there are major advertisers in Forbes magazine."

Business expenses generally are at least partly tax deductible.

Forbes' 70th birthday party last weekend in Tangier on the north coast of Africa featured 600 belly dancers, 200 berber horsemen, pigeon pie served under elaborate tents and a guest list that included Elizabeth Taylor, Henry Kissinger, Barbara Walters and Rupert Murdoch.



The eyes have it

US First Lady Barbara Bush crosses her eyes in reaction to a reporter's question on Wednesday after a morning session of tennis. A team of medical

specialists prescribed medicine for Mrs Bush on Tuesday for eye problems from an ongoing thyroid imbalance. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Official hired call boy

WASHINGTON, Aug 25, (AP): US Congressman Barney Frank acknowledged today that he hired a male prostitute as a personal employee, but said he fired him after becoming suspicious the man was selling sex from Frank's home on Capitol Hill.

"I was victimised," Frank said in a telephone interview from Boston with the Associated Press early this morning. "Yes, I showed poor judgement."

Frank, an acknowledged homosexual, confirmed details of a story in today's editions of the Washington Times.

A man identified by The Times as Greg Davis told the newspaper that Frank was aware that sex was being sold from the congressman's apartment and was concerned that it might be discovered. The newspaper said Davis was a professional name and it did not disclose the man's real name.

However, Frank called those allegations "absolutely untrue." When asked if the revelations might force him to resign from Congress, Frank replied, "Of course not." He said he planned to run for re-election for a sixth term in 1990.

He said he planned to hold a news conference at his Boston office this morning.

Frank said he met the man, whom he identified as Steve Gobie, through an "escort model" advertisement in a Washington newspaper for homosexuals. He admitted having paid to have sex with Gobie, but said the relationship later became one of friendship.

"He was a male prostitute and I thought he was... smart enough to do something else," Frank told the AP. "I said he should get a job."

Frank said he hired Gobie as a personal assistant to do work around his house, drive his car and run errands. Frank said he paid Gobie with his own money — not government funds.

"He was using me. I didn't see that," Frank said.

But he added that he had no first-hand proof that Gobie was running a prostitution service from Frank's apartment.

Frank said he became suspicious when his landlady told him there were "strange goings-on" at the house when he was away.

"I didn't have anything to go to court with," Frank said, calling the situation "intolerable."

## Album caused deaths

### Judas Priest on trial

RENO, Nevada, Aug 25, (AP): A judge has ruled that a lawsuit may go to trial to determine if any subliminal messages on a heavy metal Judas Priest album led to a suicide pact between two Reno youths.

Washoe District Judge Jerry Whitehead ruled Wednesday that subliminal messages don't enjoy rights of freedom of speech guaranteed in the US Constitution's First Amendment because they are aimed at the subconscious.

Whitehead said he found it difficult to accept that any expert could say the suicides were triggered by alleged subliminal messages on the British band's "Stained Class" album. But he said the issue should be decided by a jury.

"The court concludes it must allow the public to decide these important and unique issues after a full hearing and must not interpose its own personal opinions," Whitehead said.

Previously, in similar lawsuits filed across the country, judges have dismissed cases after ruling that artistic messages are protected by the First Amendment. But courts have not spoken to the issue of subliminal messages.

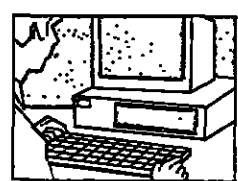
The lawsuit was filed by the families of the two youths — one who died immediately after shooting himself with a shotgun in December 1985 and the other who died three years later from complications of his injuries.

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Drug patrol

Officer Steve Freese leans up against an alley wall in the International District of Seattle recently, as he looks for illegal activities. Seattle Police bike patrol officers are using mountain bikes to sweep quickly and quietly down alleys and streets catching drug dealers with the drugs in their hands. (Reuter wirephoto)

## To live and die in NY

Dangerous Big Apple

NEW YORK, Aug 25, (AP): Five homicide per day is the norm in the Big Apple, but it doesn't take a drug-crazed gunman to kill you here — death can be as close as the nearest street corner.

Ellen Sauer had just decided to take a nap last Saturday evening when a steam pipe exploded beneath the street outside her Manhattan apartment building, killing her and two electric company workers who had responded to what had been a routine call.

Random death can happen in any town, but in New York City — where murders hit an all-time high last year, where the infrastructure is deteriorating, where high-rise construction can be fatal — the odds are a little higher.

In the past two months, numerous other New Yorkers found themselves in the wrong place at the wrong time.

An apparent leak of natural gas set off an explosion, burying Reginald Boynes beneath a ton of brick in his home on July 15.

A stoop on a building collapsed, crushing a 10-year-old girl and her 11-year-old friend while they were playing a week earlier.

A beer bottle thrown from a 15-storey building struck a passing 4-year-old girl on the head on June 17. Sheena Fuller died five days later.

A 500-pound (227-kilogram) concrete slab fell from a city freeway onto a car driven by Benjamin Bernstein, 49, who was going to pick up his wife in Manhattan on June 1. He was killed instantly. Investigators found 40 more flawed sections of the highway after his death.

Construction accidents also claim victims each year. The most famous was Brigitte Gerney, whose legs were crushed by a 35-ton crane that tipped over on her while she walked past a mid-Manhattan construction site on May 30, 1985. Her rescue and recovery gained front-page headlines.

Mrs Gerney, 53, received a \$10 million settlement last year and has since shunned the spotlight she never sought.

Violent crime — much of it drug-related — accounts for many deaths. More than 1,800 people were killed by gunfire last year in New York City.

"It is very frightening, and I don't see any indication that it's turning around," said Thomas Reppetto, head of the New York-based Citizens Crime Commission.

This year, it took just three days for a bystander to get killed — 14-year-old Jeffrey Vilain of Brooklyn was returning home from a prayer meeting when he was killed by a 9mm slug.

### Kids battered, none bothered

NEW YORK, Aug 25, (UPI) Neighbours who lived near a man suspected of holding his family in subjugation, molesting and torturing his nine children, said they reported the abuse a year ago but were ignored, it was reported Wednesday.

Herman McMillan, 42, and his wife Frances, 34, were arrested Monday following revelations that had beaten their children, ranging in age from four months to 16 years, with sticks and fists and sexually assaulted them inside the family's filthy, cramped two-room apartment.

Neighbours said they complained about the abuse to police and to the special services for children division of the city's Human Resources Administration a year ago, the daily news reported Wednesday. The neighbours told the newspaper there was no response to their reports.

## Soviet link in Palme slaying

Defence seeks probe

STOCKHOLM, Aug 25, (Agencies): An attorney for the convicted killer of Prime Minister Olof Palme said today he would seek an investigation for evidence of a Soviet connection to the slaying.

Walter Kego and Jan-Henrik Barrig, members of the Swedish security police, believed that tapes recorded in the apartment of a Soviet diplomat indicated that the Soviets were involved in the 1986 killing, according to a report today in the Svenska Dagbladet newspaper.

"This must be investigated further," Pettersson's defence attorney Arne Liljeros was quoted as saying on Swedish radio.

The Dagbladet report said Kego and Barrig's theory was dismissed by other analysts in Sapo and by police who investigated the murder.

Christie Pettersson, 42, was presented at the trial as a violent loner who abused drugs and alcohol, and acted on his own in shooting Palme.

Pettersson, a career criminal, was convicted July 27 of killing Palme. He has asked that the conviction be overturned for lack of evidence. The appeal is to be heard next month.

Pettersson was identified by Palme's widow as

being present at the scene of the shooting. November, no one testified they saw Pettersson shoot Palme. No weapon was ever found and no motive was established.

The Soviet diplomat, who was not identified by name, left Sweden in 1987 under suspicion of espionage, the report said. The eavesdropping was carried out from 1983 until 1987. The Aftonbladet daily said experts from the US Central Intelligence Agency assisted in the operation.

According to state-owned Swedish Television, the alleged Soviet military intelligence (Gru) officer, who worked in Stockholm as a diplomat until his recall in 1987, was held under total surveillance from 1985, including the night of Feb 28, 1986 when Palme was gunned down in central Stockholm.

Analysis by Sweden's secret police (Sapo) led to the conclusion the Soviet Union was aware that Palme was to be murdered, the report said, quoting several independent but unnamed sources.

"In the main the factual base of the report is correct," a Swedish intelligence source told United Press International yesterday on the understanding he would not be named.

## Painkiller makes monkeys kick cocaine habit

WASHINGTON, Aug 25, (AP): Laboratory monkeys who habitually dose themselves with cocaine lost interest in the drug after shots of buprenorphine, a pain reliever that may be used to help wean humans from cocaine and heroin, researchers say.

Dr Jack H. Mendelson, a physician at a Belmont, Massachusetts, Drug Abuse Centre associated with Harvard Medical School, said that in experiments with five rhesus monkeys the animals chose to stop their self-administration of cocaine after they were given injections of buprenorphine.

A report on the research is to be published today in the Journal Science.

Mendelson said as a result of the animals' res-

ponse to buprenorphine, clinical studies are now proposed to determine if the analgesic will help people overcome dependence on cocaine and heroin.

"We feel that it (buprenorphine) may provide an opportunity for some persons to stop using cocaine and not feel the adverse effects of cessation," Mendelson said Wednesday in a telephone interview. "This would provide a window in time for someone who might be able to stop using the drug and ultimately become drug free."

In the laboratory studies, five rhesus monkeys were fitted with intravenous catheters connected to pumps operated by levers. Each monkey, if it chose

to, could press the lever and receive a small dose of cocaine.

"The monkeys self-administer cocaine, but are under no compulsion to do so," said Mendelson. "It is completely an elective act."

When given this choice, he said, 90 per cent of the monkeys will press the lever for cocaine, though they will choose not to self-administer some other types of pharmaceuticals.

Mendelson said that when the monkeys received injections of buprenorphine, their cocaine use rapidly declined, and approached zero use at some doses of the buprenorphine.

When a saline solution, a placebo, was injected,

the monkeys chose to press the cocaine lever repeatedly.

"The placebo didn't do anything," said Mendelson. "But the buprenorphine suppressed the cocaine self-administration."

At the same time, he said, the monkeys continued to press another lever to receive banana pellets, and otherwise behaved normally while taking the buprenorphine.

Mendelson said buprenorphine may be particularly useful in weaning abusers away from "speedball", a combination of heroin and cocaine that is becoming more widely used by drug-dependent people.

## Israelis to probe drugs charges

JERUSALEM, Aug 25, (Agencies): Israel asked Colombia yesterday to help it probe charges that Israelis are providing military training for the private armies of cocaine traffickers.

The Foreign Ministry sent Bogota a message offering all possible aid in the fight against trafficking and asserting "its determined stand in the struggle against this international plague."

The Israeli government turns to the government of Colombia for all possible information relevant to the affair which is in the headlines of the press today... to make it possible for the relevant authorities in Israel to investigate the subject," a ministry spokesman quoted the message as saying.

Israeli police have also sought Colombian and US help in checking charges first made by the US TV network NBC that Israeli and South African instructors were training hit-squads for Colombian drug tycoons in secret hideouts.

A senior official warned today that Israel may revoke the passports of any Israeli mercenaries proven to be involved in the training of the death squads.

The independent Yediot Ahronot said police are considering detaining for questioning an Israeli who allegedly engaged in such training if he returns to Israel as planned this weekend.

The newspaper said police could detain the man, identified as Reserve Col. Yair Klein, for investigation on the basis of information received from Interpol and foreign police agencies.

A spokesman for the police, who could not be identified, refused to confirm or deny the report.

The Foreign Ministry refused to say if it had evidence Israelis were training paramilitary troops for Colombian cocaine bosses but said it would take action if such reports proved true.

"If these claims are correct, and I emphasize it, we will check with the Justice Ministry as to what measures can be taken... whether it is through legal measures or by denying them passports," Deputy Foreign Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Armed Forces Radio.

He said any Israeli mercenaries in South America are working with no connection to the government and are "selling their souls to Satan."

"We do not have contacts with... cartels or other groups that are against the law," he said. "If the reports are true, it is simply the moral decline of certain people."

Israeli media have said four Israeli Army Reserve colonels helped train paramilitary troops and assassination teams for drug lords in Colombia.

Israeli television and all major dailies have identified the head of the training group as Col. Klein, 44, a retired commander of a paratroop anti-terror squad.

Klein was also president of Hod Hahani (Spearhead), a private security firm.



Ranch confiscated

A Colombian soldier walks in front of a ranch owned by Medellin cartel leader Pablo Escobar Aug 22, after it was confiscated by Colombian government. Security forces raided the luxurious estates of major drug traffickers of the Medellin and Cali cartels, which are said to be responsible for most of the cocaine smuggled into the US. (Reuter wirephoto)

## War on drugs

'Not a lot will change'

### Fit for a drug king

WASHINGTON, Aug 25, (Agencies): The United States will send about \$20 million worth of military aid to Colombia, including up to eight helicopters, to help fight a war against the cocaine cartel, US defence officials said today.

The officials, who asked not to be identified, stressed that US troops would not go to Colombia but said the package would include training as well as automatic weapons and sidearms for Colombian military forces and police.

"We are talking a package somewhere in the vicinity of \$20 million, including training," said one defence official.

Officials said the aid move, which was to be announced later in the day by White House officials at Kennebunkport, Maine, where President George Bush is on holiday, was also expected to include up to eight "Hueys", medium transport helicopters.

The Hueys were used during the Vietnam war and can be equipped with heavy machine guns to help protect their crews from forces of the Colombian drug cartel, which yesterday declared war on the Colombia.

President Bush had promised to send help to Colombia in the effort to reduce drug manufacturing and smuggling into the United States, the major market for cocaine.

Colombian Foreign Minister Julio Londono met yesterday with deputy secretary of state Lawrence Eagleburger at the State Department and discussed aid to Bogota.

"Crack cocaine," a smokable version of cocaine, is highly addictive and its use is growing rapidly in the United States.

US President George Bush when asked by reporters about apparently dimmed prospects that Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega would step down as Panama's military ruler, shrugged his shoulders and said, "We just keep on going."

On another front, US government officials said today that details of a new aid package to help Colombia combat illicit drugs would be announced later in the day. The price tag is not yet known.

Meanwhile, Colombia's drug lords have stepped up a campaign of intimidation and

MEDELLIN, Colombia, Aug 25, (Reuters): Complete with swimming pool on the top floor and gold faucets in every bathroom of its 16 apartments, the Monaco building belonging to a Colombian drug lord even has a hidden staircase for a quick getaway.

One of about 150 properties confiscated over the past week in a government crackdown on the cocaine kingpins, the eight-storey building in the heart of the world's biggest cocaine empire is a sea of marble imported from Europe.

A 1915 Mercedes Benz, a rare collector's item, sits in the garage. In a country where the average per capita income is about \$1,100, the wealth flaunted by alleged members of the notorious Medellin drug cartel, seems to tell visitors: Don't worry this is not for real.

Located in El Poblado District just south of the Medellin city centre, the Monaco's official owner is three-year-old Manuela Escobar, daughter of the reputed leader of the cartel Pablo Escobar.

The Monaco was the target of a car bomb attack 18 months ago by the rival Cali cartel.

An Army officer and improvised guide told reporters touring the property that after an extensive renovation, the Monaco was expected to have been ready within the next two weeks for "Don Pablo," as Escobar is known.

Since President Virgilio Barco's anti-narcotics crackdown began on Friday night security forces have seized 141 properties, 1,161 land vehicles, 30 yachts and 42 two-way radios suspected of belonging to traffickers, the Defence Ministry said.

Another building seized, as luxuriously furnished and adorned as the Monaco, El Hormiguero (The Ant Hill) boasts tennis courts and a sauna.

Hidden underneath a big cupboard police found what they called "The People's Prison." It was apparently a place to keep kidnapped people imprisoned, they said.

Walls of El Hormiguero are still painted with children's drawings and replete with religious adornments for the first communion of Maria del Mar Ochoa, daughter of Jorge Ochoa, another leader of the cartel.

Police arrived on the scene three hours after the end of the family party.

The mansions are confiscated, the extradition treaty is back in force and thousands of drug workers under arrest, but the Colombia crackdown on narcotics will not necessarily mean less cocaine on US streets.

The big money to be made in drug trafficking and the continuing demand for the smokable cocaine known as crack tend to perpetuate the system, officials told Reuters.

Emergency measures by Barco will have little short-term effect on US narcotics abuse because of stockpiling in both countries, said Charles Gutenson, head of cocaine investigation for the US Drug Enforcement Administration.

Over a period of time you will see reduced availability," Gutenson said. "Not a whole lot will change until people stop smoking crack."

violence, killing one person in a bomb attack and declaring "absolute war" in response to a crackdown on the narcotics trade.

Drug gangs bombed two political party offices yesterday and burned the homes of two politicians in Medellin, police said.

President Virgilio Barco issued new decrees requiring suspected traffickers to come forward or give up \$200 million worth of seized property, including hundreds of mansions, ranches and airplanes.

Invoking emergency powers under a four-year-old state of siege, Barco decreed yesterday that the suspects must make personal claims of restitution for

## Probe zooms past Neptune

Voyager's close encounter

PASADENA, California, Aug 25, (Agencies): Fulfilling a dream, the Voyager 2 probe zoomed past the ringed planet Neptune late yesterday and sailed on toward a dramatic flyby of its icy moon Triton today, closing out a once-in-a-lifetime grand tour of the outer solar system.

Twelve years and 2.7 billion miles (4.3 billion km) from Earth, the ageing spacecraft barreled through space at 61,143 mph (98,408 kph). It flew a scant 3,000 miles (4,800 km) over Neptune's frigid cloudtops, presumably on time at 0356 GMT Friday, plunging over the north polar region and dropping behind the planet as seen from Earth.

Because of Neptune's vast distance, radio signals confirming the flyby did not reach flight controllers at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena until a little after 0802 GMT — four hours and six minutes after they left Voyager 2 at a speed of 186,000 miles (300,000 km) per second.

"Voyager is now behind Neptune as seen from the Earth and we've begun to receive data from the spacecraft once again," said geologist Laurence Soderblom.

The daring, low-altitude flyby put Voyager 2 the closest it has been to any planet since launch from Cape Canaveral on Aug 20, 1977.

"I think of this as the culmination of perhaps the greatest journey of exploration in this century," said Bruce Murray, former director of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. "It's certainly setting a high-water mark in American achievement."

"This is a historic occasion," said Leonard Pisk, an associate administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. "It's the last time we're seeing a planet for the first time. We've completed the reconnaissance of the planets, except Pluto."

"This is it. We are exploring new worlds," said Rick Terrell, an astronomer at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Neptune "is not a go-whiz, science-fiction, special effects movie. It's a real place."

At 0659 GMT, signals were received showing that Voyager had been bombarded by dust particles up to 100 times a second as it passed through the plane containing Neptune's rings, said Donald Gurnett.

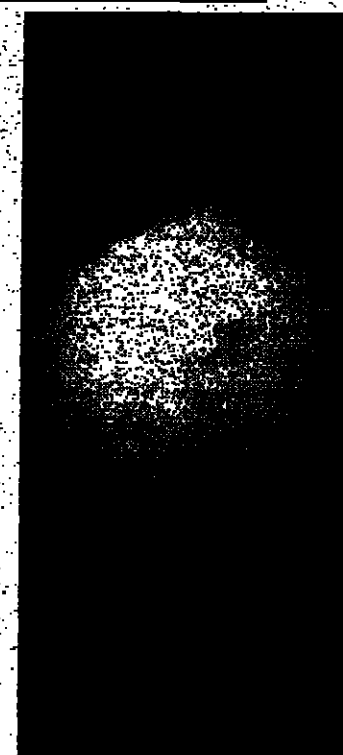
The data showed that the particles, each about a millionth of a yard across — the size of the particles in cigarette smoke — did not damage the spacecraft, Gurnett said.

A JPL spokeswoman said radio signals from Voyager 2 were drifting "in and out of lock" as they passed through the planet's atmosphere on their way back to Earth, confirming the vehicle's passage behind Neptune.

By flying so close to the icy blue ball of gas, Voyager 2 was able to use Neptune's gravity to bend its trajectory southward, over the north pole and behind the planet as viewed from Earth, setting up a flyby of the mysterious moon Triton five hours after close encounter.

"I can guarantee this is going to be one of the most spectacular objects that Voyager will have looked at," Soderblom said of Triton, where methane frost might dust glaciers of frozen natural gas.

Hundreds of scientists, journalists and VIPs maintained an excited vigil at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory throughout the night to witness the culmination of one of the century's great



Neptune's moon Triton as pictured by the Voyager 2 (Reuter wirephoto)

voyages, as the veils of mystery were stripped away from entire new worlds.

Vice-President Dan Quayle, chairman of the National Space Council, planned to visit later in the day and throughout the night. Television images of the encounter were broadcast around the world, allowing millions to follow the intrepid spacecraft's voyage of discovery.

"It's really on its way away, it's made its last encounter with a planet," said Voyager 2 astronomer Bradford Smith, his voice cracking with emotion, his eyes red from lack of sleep. "After 17 years, it's over — it's done its thing."

He paused, reflecting on a project that began in 1968, and added: "It certainly did it right."

During its passage behind Neptune, Voyager 2's computer was programmed to carry out 24 manoeuvres, allowing the spacecraft to fire a beam of radio waves into the atmosphere near the planet's edge, or "limb", in a critical experiment to determine the structure and composition of the atmosphere.

In astronomical terms, Neptune "occulted," or blocked out, the sun and Earth for about 55 minutes before Voyager 2's trajectory carried it back into view on course for the Triton flyby.

By studying how the radio beams were affected by their passage through the atmosphere — and how sunlight was altered on its way to Voyager 2 as the sun dipped below the horizon and later climbed back above it — scientists will be able to learn critical details about the cloudy planet's atmosphere.

Voyager 2's ultra-precise trajectory was designed to allow the spacecraft to conduct the same type of radio occultation experiment with Triton, although the passage behind the moon was expected to last only about three minutes.

Since its launch, Voyager 2 has explored Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, dozens of moons and now, Neptune, the culmination of an unprecedented grand tour of the outer solar system that is only possible every 176 years.

As Voyager 2 streaked toward the eighth planet from the sun — currently farther away than even Pluto — the best pictures that will be taken of Neptune's God-samer rings were received at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory showing details as small as one mile across.

## US to tighten screw on Panama

WASHINGTON, Aug 25, (AP): The US government is weighing the possibility of tightening existing sanctions against Panama now that efforts by the Organisation of American States to achieve a democratic transfer of power is at an apparent dead end, officials said yesterday.

The re-evaluation of US policy toward Panama followed what officials regarded as a disappointing outcome of a three-month effort by OAS mediators to promote a restoration of democratic rule in Panama.

The officials declined to specify what economic measures against Panama are under consideration.

Last year, the administration of former President Ronald Reagan froze Panama's assets in the United States, withheld fees owed to Panama for Panama Canal operations and suspended certain trade benefits.

The measures have contributed to a substantial economic decline in Panama.

After OAS foreign ministers approved a blandly worded resolution early yesterday following all night discussions, the US and Panamanian delegations engaged in unusually heated verbal sparring, with each side blaming the other for the impasse.



Noriega chats with provisional President Manuel Solis Palma. (Reuter wirephoto)

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# Sex trip brings Yamashita's fall

TOKYO, Aug 25, (UPI): Japan entered a new era of higher standards of conduct for politicians today when a key cabinet minister resigned after admitting he had an extra-marital affair with a 21-year-old bar hostess.

The resignation of Chief Cabinet Secretary Tokuo Yamashita, 69, sets a new standard for Japanese politicians who, unlike their Western counterparts, have traditionally been immune to the public airing of sex scandals.

Yamashita is the first Japanese cabinet minister to resign specifically because of a sex scandal, and politicians said it marks a change in what is expected of them.

"We have to listen to what the public wants and what they are insisting upon," said Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu, whose two-week-old administration has been shaken by the affair.

Japan, a staunchly male-dominated society, has

traditionally ignored extra-marital affairs of politicians, and some even boasted of their number of lovers.

"The moral standards are changing," said Seiichi Ota, a member of parliament from Kaifu's Liberal Democratic Party, the ruling party for 34 years. "We need to change our way of thinking entirely."

Kaifu is scheduled to meet with President Bush in Washington next week, and the domestic

turmoil will undoubtedly cut into his time to prepare for the discussions on trade and other foreign affairs.

Japan's government and particularly the Liberal Democratic Party have been moving from one crisis to the next all year.

"There is a lesson to be learned," said Toshio Yamaguchi, an LDP member of parliament. "We all have to discipline ourselves and be cautious so we won't be attacked by the woman

force." Finance Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto, who is married, said, "I myself have fallen in love many times. In that respect I do not think I can comment or criticize others."

Some within the Liberal Democratic Party question whether the party could survive if all the members who had extra-marital affairs were forced to resign.

Before resigning Yamashita

confirmed a report in a weekly magazine that said he had a 3-1/2-year affair with a bar hostess who worked in a posh Tokyo entertainment district and that he paid her \$21,000 shortly before he took office.

Kaifu named as Yamashita's successor Mayumi Moriama, 61, director-general of the environment agency, whose duties will include serving as chief government spokeswoman and co-ordinator.



Yamashita: not so rewarding



Moriama: first woman



## Beauty adored

American Julia Jones (centre) from San Francisco, who was elected Lady Universe 1989 during a contest in Madonna di Campiglio, Italy, is flanked by Yugoslav Kles Krsulovic (left) Lady Europe 1988, and Italian Kika Kolin Lady Italy 1988. (Reuter wirephoto)



Career diplomat and suspected spy Felix Bloch enjoys a swing during an outing to a Georgetown park. (Reuter wirephoto)

**Thames death toll 50:** Police searching the river Thames found two more bodies overnight, bringing to 50 the number of people killed when a pleasure boat was rammed by a dredger four days earlier, authorities said yesterday.

Meanwhile, people in the London borough of Southwark said money was needed to help the dependents both of survivors and those who died. (AP)

**Pan Am tragedy:** Relatives of those killed on Pan Am Flight 103 met yesterday with Scotland's Lord Advocate, the man in charge of the investigation into the terrorist bombing that killed 270 people.

A spokesman for Lord Fraser, Scotland's chief prosecutor, and Bert Ammerman, US President of the Victims of Pan Am Flight 103, said the 90-minute private meeting at the Crown Office in Edinburgh was informative and fruitful. The plane blew up over Lockerbie, Scotland Dec 21. (AP)

**Mexico murder trial:** The brother-in-law of former Mexican President Luis Echeverria has appeared before a federal grand jury investigating the 1985 murder of US drug agent Enrique Camarena.

Ruben Zuno-Arce, 59, a prominent Mexican businessman suspected in involvement in drug trafficking, was brought to the panel's hearing room yesterday after being granted immunity from prosecution for anything he may disclose while testifying secretly. (AP)

**Hurricane Erin:** Hurricane Erin strengthened slightly yesterday as it crossed Atlantic shipping lane, but forecasters expected it to fizzle out quickly when it reached colder northern waters.

Erin's 90-mile-per-hour (145-kilometre-per-hour) winds forced ships to veer southward, said Gill Clark of the National Hurricane Centre. The storm was no threat to land, however. (AP)

**Royal visit:** The Prince and Princess of Wales will visit Hong Kong as planned in November, but they will not be going to China, Buckingham Palace announced today.

Previously it had been said the visit to Hong Kong would not go ahead.

There were fears of protests by residents worried about the Chinese takeover in 1997.

The British colony has been increasingly fearful about its future since China put down pro-democracy protests last June.

## More cash for arms sought

TOKYO, Aug 25, (Reuter): Japan's Defence Agency, citing a continued threat from the Soviet Union, today asked for an increase in spending next year to cover new ships, tanks and aircraft.

Agency officials said a 6.35 per cent increase in the annual budget starting next April 1 also was needed to shoulder a bigger share of the cost of keeping US troops in the country.

The budget request is for 4,169 billion yen (\$29 billion), up 249 billion (\$1.7 billion) over the current year's budget.

The Defence Agency wants to buy 30 newly developed tanks, 112 aircraft and 21 warships.

The royal couple will also visit Indonesia. (KUNA)

**Losing ground:** The proportion of women in the world's parliaments dropped to 12.7 per cent by the end of June, close to the level of 15 years ago, a private survey says.

Since the beginning of last year that figure has dropped from 14.6 per cent, according to figures published yesterday by the Geneva-based Inter-Parliamentary Union. (AP)

**ICRC names:** The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is bringing back Guy Deluz, an experienced former field officer, to take the new post of director-general, it was announced yesterday.

The ICRC said in a statement that Deluz's appointment would strengthen the seven-member directorate of the all-Swiss Geneva-based humanitarian body which celebrated its 125th anniversary earlier this week. (Reuter)

**Scribe tips off:** Norway's biggest daily newspaper said yesterday it had tipped off warders at Oslo's main jail that a dangerous prisoner had escaped.

Verdens gang said it received an anonymous tip that Rune Johnsen, convicted after shooting at policemen who tried to arrest him for car theft, had cut through the bars of his cell window and escaped down a rope early on Wednesday.

A phone call to the prison met scepticism until a warder checked Johnsen's cell. "We consider the man to be dangerous," said Oslo police crime chief Magnar Aukrust. (Reuter)

**Babies rescued:** Ten Indonesian babies smuggled into Malaysia were rescued before they could be delivered to buyers yesterday.

According to a report today the babies had been kept for a few days in a coconut-drying shed and the heat was too much for one of them. The baby died soon after being rescued. (KUNA)

**A high price:** A village in China has a strict custom requiring men to pay at least 10,000 yuan (\$2,700) for a woman's hand in marriage. It also has 600 spinners. The customs, and the high population of single women, in the village of He Feng is unmatched elsewhere in China, the semi-official China News Service said. (Reuter)

**Piano makers stop:** Responding to an international effort to protect African elephants, two major Japanese musical instrument makers said yesterday they have decided to stop importing ivory used in high-grade piano keys.

"The measure was taken in the interest of saving elephants," said Haruo Gomi, a spokesman for Yamaha Corp., Japan's largest maker of musical instruments. (AP)

**Prosecutors question:** The president of Japan Airlines was questioned by prosecutors yesterday for the first time in connection with the worst single-plane crash in aviation history, airline officials said.

President Susumu Yamaguchi co-operated with questioners from the Tokyo and Gunma prefecture prosecutors' offices in their probe of the accident, Japan Airlines said in a statement.

JAL officials would not comment on the contents of the questioning. (AP)

**Car bomb blast:** A car bomb exploded in a residential area of Rome, killing a man inside, police said today. The victim was so badly burned he could not be immediately identified, police said.

The explosives were placed under the driver's seat and went off at about 11:30 pm (2130 GMT) yesterday authorities said.

The car was destroyed and police said they did not know the motive for the bombing. (AP)

**Trains collide:** A West German passenger train rammed into a stationary freight train near a depot outside Darmstadt yesterday, injuring 19 people and causing extensive damage, officials said.

The accident occurred about 200 metres (yards) from the train station in the town of Ober-Ramstadt, a Darmstadt suburb.

Five of the freight train's 16 cars were jolted off the tracks, and several cars of both trains were damaged, a police statement said. (AP)

**Man slain:** A 28-year-old man was shot dead in front of his wife early today by attackers who pursued him through his house, police said.

John Anthony Maginn was shot through a window while watching television with his wife in their home in Rathfriland, 25 miles (45 kilometres) southwest of Belfast, police said.

He ran upstairs to escape, but the attackers broke in and pursued him, shooting him several more times, police said. His wife and four children, sleeping upstairs, were unharmed. (AP)

**Hold talks:** Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher will hold talks at her weekend home Chequers with French President Francois Mitterrand on Sept 1, officials said.

Mitterrand will be accompanied on his visit to Britain by Foreign Minister Roland Dumas, who will have separate talks with British Foreign Secretary John Major, said officials at Mrs Thatcher's residence No. 10 Downing Street. (AP)

**Breakthrough:** Visiting the dentist could soon lose its terror and become a thing of the past, thanks to a revolutionary painless method of treatment, it was reported here today.

A technique, pioneered in America and being tested in Britain, could mean the end of injections and numb gums. (KUNA)

## Student leader alive in China jail

BEIJING, Aug 25, (Reuter): Wang Dan, the student leader who topped China's list of most wanted activists until his arrest last month, has been beaten in jail but is alive, police sources said today.

They said Wang had been punished in the early days of detention but was now being held with other political prisoners and his treatment had improved.

He was not co-operating with his captors, refusing to answer questions, they added.

China has not told its own people of the capture of Wang Dan, a 24-year-old history student at Beijing University, though a government spokesman confirmed his arrest to Japanese journalists last week.

In the absence of an official statement, Wang was rumoured variously to have been executed or beaten to death by his captors.

Guangdong provincial radio in Canton confirmed yesterday the arrest of Zheng Xunqiang, another of China's 21 most wanted political activists, bringing to eight the number of those in detention.

Student leader Wueraikazi fled to the West after the bloody military crackdown on pro-democracy protesters in Beijing on June 3-4. Chai Ling, one of two women on the list, is believed to be in hiding in China though some reports say she escaped through Hong Kong to Australia.

The sources did not say where Wang was being held but other intellectuals who have been rounded up since June are believed to be at Qin Cheng prison on the outskirts of Beijing.

Beatings are not uncommon in Chinese jails. Another recently released detainee spotted on a Beijing street corner said he had been beaten repeatedly during more than a month in police custody. He looked drawn and was barely recognizable.

Several foreign journalists were beaten by Chinese plainclothes police during detention after the Army smashed its way into Beijing, killing hundreds, perhaps thousands of people.

Meanwhile, authorities today stepped up attacks against ousted Communist Party leader Zhao Ziyang in what may be a groundswell campaign to put him on trial, calling for more criticism of his errors and saying "his influence must be eradicated."

The Guangming Daily, a party newspaper aimed at intellectuals, featured a front-page article detailing Zhao's responsibility for the pro-democracy protests leading to the military crackdown in June, and said "the people and party paid for his serious mistakes in blood."

Beijing residents over the age of 16 have been ordered to carry their identification cards at all times for possible checks by police and martial-law troops.

The education commission on Wednesday replaced the president of Beijing University, whose students helped lead the spring pro-democracy movement that was put down in June.

Ding Shisan was the second university president replaced since the protests, and more replacements were anticipated as the ruling Communist Party moves to prevent renewed campus unrest.

Recent college graduates now working for the government will have their political thinking polished in "grass-roots" work units, officials said yesterday.

## Close US bases: Filipino senators

### Communists dance after killing captain

MANILA, Aug 25, (AP): The Philippine Senate will not ratify a treaty extending US military bases after 1991 without strong pressure from President Corazon Aquino, a prominent opposition lawmaker warned today.

The United States maintains Clark Air Base, the Subic Bay Naval Base and four smaller installations under an agreement that expires in September 1991. Talks are expected to begin late this year on extending the agreement.

Aquino has refused to say whether she supports a new agreement, which must be approved by two-thirds of the 23-member Senate. Yesterday 12 senators called for closing the facilities in 1991, a sign that the Aquino administration right now lacks the votes for ratification.

Sen Juan Ponce Enrile, a former defence minister and one of the resolution's co-sponsors, told foreign reporters today that he believes all 12 co-signers are strongly committed to closing the US bases in 1991.



## Filipinos angry

A Manila worker, during a demonstration on Thursday, shows his disapproval of planned December talks between the Philippines and the United States on a possible renewal of a US lease on military bases. (Reuter wirephoto)

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## Cambodia talks falter

### Appeal to exclude Khmer Rouge

BANGKOK, Aug 25, (Agencies): Dith Pran, whose suffering in Cambodia under the Khmer Rouge was portrayed in the movie "The Killing Fields," appealed today for the exclusion of leaders of the radical communist group from any future peace settlement.

Dith Pran, 47, spoke at a news conference in Bangkok after visiting his homeland for the first time since fleeing to the United States in 1979.

"All I as a Cambodian holocaust survivor can do is to appeal to the nations of the world and particularly the government members gathered in Paris," he said. "Please do not force back onto the Cambodian people the party, army and leaders responsible for the genocide, who are responsible for the death of at least one million people."

The Khmer Rouge is blamed for killing enormous numbers of

Cambodian civilians when the party tried to create a pure communist state during 3 1/2 years of rule.

In Paris, an international conference aimed at settling the 11-year conflict in Cambodia entered its final day of committee work today in a deadlock over a power-sharing formula for four warring Cambodian factions.

Only three days away from the conference's return to ministerial session, committee work remained blocked over the role of the Chinese-backed Khmer Rouge in a provisional government that would take over after the promised withdrawal of Vietnamese troops in September.

"The commissions are working very hard today, even though it was originally thought that today would be a light day," a foreign ministry spokeswoman said. "We presume negotiations are still going on."

Hopes ran high at the July 30 opening of the 19-nation conference that it would end with the signing of a global peace accord for Cambodia.

Such a document would detail plans for monitoring the Vietnamese troop withdrawal and setting up an interim government to rule Cambodia prior to elections.

French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas, co-hosting the conference with his Indonesian counterpart, said today that the ministerial session would open Monday as scheduled.

Two key players — Cambodia's Vietnamese-backed Prime Minister Hun Sen and Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach arrived today to attend the closing session.

Conference sources said Sihanouk, who asked France to convene the conference, had toughened his position

"Unless President Aquino exerts her power and influence over her coalition members, I think that the 11 will stay committed to the resolution," said Enrile, the Senate's only opposition member. "For myself, I know how I will vote, and there are no 'ifs' and 'buts' about that."

The United States contends the bases are essential for maintaining military security in the Far East. Filipino opponents claim the bases are a vestige of US colonial rule and infringe on their country's national sovereignty.

Enrile said the resolution was aimed at pressing Aquino into notifying the United States that the bases agreement will not be extended.

It also would give the Philippine government a chance to find alternative uses for the facilities, he said.

"I think that the 11 other members who co-signed the resolution with me seem to be very committed in what was stated in the resolution, that the military bases agreement should not be extended beyond ... 1991," Enrile said.

He suggested that Manila's International Airport be relocated to Clark Air Base, 80 kilometres (50 miles) north of the capital. Enrile said he believed the United States could remove its 40,000 service members, dependents and civilian employees within six months.

In the resolution, the 12 senators ruled out any phased withdrawal beyond 1991, a compromise measure that has been proposed by some Filipino lawmakers.

In October 1988, the United States agreed to pay \$481 million a year to keep the bases in the Philippines until 1991. Filipino officials had asked for \$2 billion and are expected to press for more money during future talks.

The issue is expected to figure into talks during Aquino's visit to Washington in November. The bases provide jobs to about 70,000 Filipinos and pay more than \$96 million annually in civilian salaries.

Defence Secretary Fidel Ramos said yesterday he supports a phase-out of US military bases from the Philippines because an abrupt withdrawal could jeopardize the economy and security of the country.

"It is a matter of a step-by-step, logical approach that we must adopt instead of sudden and abrupt changes, considering the realities of our own national situation as well as the regional situation," Ramos told a civic group.

Ramos said the bases had provided security to non-communist countries in the region and that without them, "commerce, travel, trade and the free movement of people and even ideas may not have been possible during the last 25-30 years."

The American Bar Association has urged Aquino of the Philippines to take action to halt the recent killings of human rights lawyers.

A communist hit squad danced for joy after they gunned down a Philippine Army captain at his Manila home and a woman rebel finished him off with a shot to the head.

"They looked very happy after shooting the captain. They were even dancing in the street before they left," a witness interviewed on radio said.

Witnesses said Orlando Javier, 40, was lounging outside his house today, smoking a cigarette, when two women and three young men shot him with pistols.

## Seoul indicts Kim for not reporting on trip

### Student protesters battle riot police

SEOUL, Aug 25, (Agencies): The government today indicted Kim Dae-Jung, leader of South Korea's largest opposition party, and two lawmakers on charges of failing to report a legislator's secret trip to communist North Korea.

Prosecutors issued a statement saying the three were accused of failing to report the visit of National Assemblyman Suh Kyung-Won to North Korea in August 1988.

Kim, who ran for president in 1971 and 1987, denounced the indictments and said the charges against the three politicians were fabricated to discredit their Party for Peace and Democracy. He has accused the government of torturing Suh and forcing him to make a false confession.

"I have nothing to fear. I will squarely face trial," the 64-year-old opposition leader told supporters

following his indictment.

No date has been set for the trial and Kim remains free. Kim said today he did not think the government would dare put him in the dock.

"I believe Roh's regime, which has fabricated charges against me, knows it can't win in court," Kim told members of his party for Peace and Democracy (PPD).

"So I suspect the regime may not put me on trial even if I have been indicted," he said.

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the national security laws. The laws form the basis of the charges against Kim and Ms Im, who was jailed after she made a trip to the north as a symbolic gesture of the need to unify the two countries.

At Seoul National University, radical students shouted "Overthrow (President) Roh Tae-Woo" and battled riot police with iron bars, clubs, firebombs and rocks.

Two armoured police vans fired tear-gas and drove about 1,000 students back inside the campus after they tried to march to demand Roh's ouster and the release of the student.

"Let's drive out the Yankees to liberate our country," shouted one student leader at a rally before the clash broke out.



A South Korean radical student throws a firebomb at riot police at the gate of the Hankuk University of Foreign Studies. (Reuter wirephoto)



# Mazowiecki, in office, faces the music

WARSAW, Poland, Aug 25, (AP): Premier Tadeusz Mazowiecki, on his first full day in office today, met with the Soviet ambassador and was commended by Moscow for his "sensible and constructive approach" to the Warsaw Pact alliance.

The Solidarity premier also met with top US government officials, who promised to try to find ways to funnel more Western aid to Poland.

The quick meetings with representatives of the two superpowers underscored the international significance of the election of Mazowiecki, a close adviser to Solidarity leader Lech Walesa and former political prisoner now charged with forming Poland's first non-communist-led government in 45 years.

Vladimir Brovokov, the Soviet ambassador to Poland, congratulated Mazowiecki on his election yesterday, a government

spokesman said. But no immediate details were available from their meeting.

Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Yuri Gremitskikh told reporters in Moscow today that Soviet officials were "happy to hear" Mazowiecki's remarks yesterday that Poland would stay in the Warsaw Pact and Comecon Socialist Economic Alliance.

"The sensible and constructive approach by the head of the Polish government to these issues, which have paramount significance for the peoples of the two countries, coincides with our wishes," Gremitskikh said.

US Senate minority leader Bob Dole, who met earlier today with Mazowiecki, said he apologised for having the "temerity" to arrive just a day after Mazowiecki's election as the East bloc's first non-communist government leader.

## Walesa happy with victory

GDANSK, Poland, Aug 25, (UPI): Solidarity leader Lech Walesa wept for joy yesterday when the Polish Parliament approved Tadeusz Mazowiecki, his close friend and adviser, as the first non-communist prime minister in the Warsaw Pact.

"It is an unprecedented event," Walesa said, wiping a tear from his cheek as the vote was announced during a live television broadcast from the Sejm, the lower house of Parliament. "The process of reforming Poland has just begun."

Mazowiecki, who was confirmed on a 378-4 vote with 41 abstentions, faces the huge task

of reforming a state administration filled with bureaucrats and overhauling the economic system.

"In the critical economic conditions after 45 years of monopoly rule by the Communist Party, the hope of society turns to a man to a man who devoted all his life to the struggle for Poland," Walesa said in a statement.

Mazowiecki reciprocated with praise of Walesa, telling a news conference in Warsaw that the 1983 Nobel peace prize winner engineered the plan that ended in his installation as prime minister.

Walesa said former ruling teams failed to

introduce genuine reforms and merely gave empty speeches.

"Society has had enough words," he said. "It will be hard to explain to the people that we shall not deceive it."

Walesa said he would assist Mazowiecki in his difficult task of fulfilling his mission.

Walesa said Mazowiecki took over the country in a state of devastation by the communists that no government in the world could quickly rebuild it.

Walesa, however, praised the communist deputies who supported Mazowiecki in the Sejm.



Walesa: joy

## 108 get refuge, but crisis remains

BONN, Aug 25, (Agencies): East German refugees have ended their occupation of Bonn's embassy in Budapest and begun new lives in the West but the two German states remain locked in a diplomatic stand-off.

West German officials, pleased at having arranged safe passage yesterday for 108 refugees who had occupied the mission, said the next move was up to East Berlin.

"Now it is East Germany's turn to make proposals that will lead to a lasting and humanitarian solution to the refugee problem," Chancellery Minister Rudolf Seiters said in an interview published today.

"A continuation of the present situation will not only further weaken the international reputation of East Germany, it could also put considerable strain on bilateral relations," he told the newspaper Rheinische Post.

Thousands of East Germans have fled across Hungary's border with Austria since fortifications were dismantled in May. About 800 are still camping in Budapest hoping to get permission to emigrate, according to charity workers.

There are also about 150 East Germans in Bonn's Prague embassy and another 116 in its East Berlin mission, all hoping to win exit visas to West Germany.

East Berlin accuses the West Germans of gross interference in its internal affairs and of trying to lure its citizens across the border.

Bonn demands that East Germany grant its people basic freedoms such as the right to travel abroad. It says reform of the communist system would encourage East Germans to stay at home.

The surprise departure of the refugees from Budapest was arranged between the Hungarian and West German governments with the help of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

Senior West German Foreign Ministry official Juergen Sudhoff described the arrangement as "a good practical piece of discreet diplomacy."

But he said: "What we saw that night cannot be repeated."

Bonn's insistence that Budapest had allowed the refugees out as a humanitarian gesture that would not be repeated appeared to have fallen on deaf ears among some of the East Germans still outside the embassy.

"It has given us fresh motivation," one man told West German television. "We've got new hope."

However, at least 1,000 East Germans, and possibly as many as 2,500, including whole families, were believed to be still in Hungary. Many were staying at camps around Budapest, having joined an exodus of citizens in recent weeks trying to escape economic hardship and what they contend is East Germany's repressive government.

## IJI accused of rigging

ISLAMABAD, Aug 25, (KUNA): Federally ruling Pakistan People's Party has challenged the unofficial result of a by-election in the Punjab yesterday in which a candidate of the rival Islami Jamhoori Ittehad alliance was declared elected to a provincial assembly seat by a huge margin.

Two PPP leaders of the Punjab province, which is ruled by IJI party, in a joint statement last night alleged that the IJI defeated the PPP candidate by large-scale rigging.

# Anti-apartheid protests flare

De Klerk, Mobutu agree to work for Angola peace

CAPE TOWN, Aug 25, (Agencies): South African riot police opened fire on demonstrating school and university students in two separate clashes today, wounding at least six people with shotgun pellets, witnesses said.

In a further clampdown on anti-apartheid protest, police banned a rally today to protest against a scheduled rugby union match in Cape

Town tomorrow between South Africa's Springboks and a touring International XV.

Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda, who meets acting South African President F.W. de Klerk next week, called on Pretoria's ruling National Party today to lift the ban on black political movements in order to improve chances for peace.



Soviets demonstrate

Special Soviet riot police break up a Moscow demonstration backing the Baltic states' drive for freedom. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Trust us: Kremlin

Baltic people told to cool down

TALLINN, USSR, Aug 25, (AP): Pravda yesterday said the hundreds of thousands of people in the Baltic republics who joined hands in a call for freedom should trust the reforms championed by President Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

Noting the "secessionist mood" in Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, the top Communist Party newspaper said reforms granting more local control to the republics were the answer to the longing for independence among residents of the Baltics.

Pravda said "scrupulous and friendly labour" was needed to implement the reforms.

According to estimates compiled from official media and local activists, more than one million people stood hand-in-hand across the Baltic republics on Wednesday to mark the 50th anniversary of the agreement between Adolf Hitler and Josef Stalin that put the then-independent nations into the Soviet orbit.

The gigantic protest, organised by grassroots groups, reflected activists' growing calls for full independence from Moscow instead of merely increased sovereignty.

"I've never lived in an independent Lithuania," 30-year-old graphic illustrator Audrius Ciociys said as he stood in the line with his wife and three-year-old son. "I believe there will be one — for my son there must be."

Edgar Savissar, leader of the Estonian People's Front, said he believed the republic's parliament might decide as soon as October to schedule a republic-wide referendum on independence.

Faced by a protest of such astonishing scale, the Soviet government's position seemed to be that the demonstration "sings were so vague that the turnout could not be seen as a wholesale endorsement of Baltic nationalists' demands for independence."

## Soviets admit guilt in Wallenberg case

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Aug 25, (AP): Soviet Ambassador Boris Pankin admitted his nation's guilt and apologised in a newspaper article published Wednesday over the case of missing Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg.

He insisted Wallenberg was dead.

The secretary of the Raoul Wallenberg Association, Sonja Sonnenfeld, called Pankin's statement the most explicit public statement ever given by Soviet authorities, but said she believed Wallenberg was still alive after 44 years in Soviet prisons.

"It goes far beyond anything they have said before in accepting guilt," said Mrs Sonnenfeld. "It is remarkable. It must have been dictated by Moscow," she said in a telephone interview.

Wallenberg, a diplomat in Budapest at the end of World

War II, rescued tens of thousands of Hungarian Jews from being sent to Nazi concentration camps. He was arrested by Soviet troops who captured the city.

The Soviets say Wallenberg died in prison in 1947, according to a handwritten report discovered 10 years later in the archives of Lubyanka prison.

But dissidents reported seeing the Swede in prison or labour camps several times after the date of his alleged death.

"The dead cannot be brought back to life," Pankin wrote in a article written for the Moscow News and printed in Swedish in the Expressen Daily.

"The only thing you can do is to again praise his accomplishments and express feelings of compassion and guilt to his people and those closest to him," Pankin said.

More than 90 factories in Moldavia were on strike to protest a planned law which ethnic Russians fear will discriminate against them by making Moldavian the republic's official language, official media said.

Two members of the Azerbaijani People's Front, which has been organising mass meetings and strikes against local authorities, were arrested on Wednesday in the Azerbaijani capital of Baku, an independent journalist said.

Armenians in the disputed area of Nagorno-Karabakh have elected a new national council, or Parliament, without the participation of the Azerbaijani minority. Tass news agency said on Wednesday.

Ten Soviet Jews have gone on a hunger strike outside the US embassy in Rome to press for visas to enter the United States as refugees.

"There's a varied picture there," Foreign Ministry spokesman Yuri Gremitskikh told a regular news briefing in Moscow. "Some prominent political figures yesterday in the Baltic republics said they thought that issues that are raised should be resolved by political means, and I believe we could quite agree with that opinion."

In its coverage of the Baltic protest, the government newspaper Izvestia gave a sympathetic account of the formation of the "human chain" but condemned other demonstrations by border-line groups that, for example, in Vilnius, Lithuania, bore signs linking the Nazi swastika with the Soviet hammer and sickle.

On Aug 23, 1939, Hitler and Stalin divided eastern Europe into spheres of influence and less than a year later Stalin annexed the Baltic states.

Gordon was wounded in the face, chest, stomach and arms. Consul was hit in the face and arm. A third youth, Aziz Davids, 19, was hit in the left eye.

In Pretoria, a group of black and white clergymen announced that a campaign to desegregate the city's transport system would begin on Monday. The ministers said blacks would board white-only buses and whites would ride in mini-bus taxis which are supposed to carry only blacks.

Namibian guerrillas were so worried about spies that they once detained the wife of their leader, a newspaper sympathetic to the guerrillas' cause reported today.

UNITA rebels claimed today that they killed 77 soldiers earlier this week during a government assault on rebel positions in central and southern Angola.

The Arab League today renewed the principled and stable Arab stance in support of the Namibian heroic struggle led by SWAPO to realize independence.

Right-wing Mozambican rebels said today they occupied a town and two army barracks in fighting which killed 45 people.

Four whites held without trial in Zimbabwe for up to two years on suspicion of spying for South Africa and other security offences have been freed from detention.



Bid to arrest

A bottle-wielding plainclothes policeman (right) attempts to arrest a demonstrator during national disturbances in Bilbao, Spain. Plainclothes Basque Autonomous Police infiltrated the demonstrators and attempted to arrest several people. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Turkey blocks train crossing

Dispute with Bulgaria

ISTANBUL, Aug 25, (Agencies): Turkey barred entry to the Istanbul Express today in the latest twist in its row with neighbouring Bulgaria over ethnic Turks.

Turkish Foreign Ministry spokesman Murat Sungar told Reuters the train crossing from Bulgaria would remain closed indefinitely "until they show some sign of coming to their senses."

Sungar said Turkey wanted to negotiate a comprehensive immigration pact to settle the property rights of 310,000 ethnic Turks who have streamed into Turkey since June and the minority rights of those who stay behind in Bulgaria.

Sofia, which has rejected talks on such a pact, says those leaving are tourists. The ethnic Turks say they are fleeing a brutal five-year-old assimilation campaign against them.

As part of attempts to persuade Bulgaria to discuss an immigration accord, Turkey on Tuesday reimposed visa restrictions on Bulgarian passport holders and effectively halted the influx.

Sungar accused Bulgarian police of preventing ethnic Turks from entering Turkish missions to apply for visas to leave the country.

"We absolutely deny Bulgarian claims that Turks with visas have been turned back from

the border," he said.

About 60 ethnic Turks from Bulgaria with visas had crossed the border into Turkey since Tuesday, Sungar said.

The number of dejected ethnic Turks returning to Bulgaria after failing to find relatives, jobs or houses in Turkey has reached about 2,000, officials say.

Nearly 100 of them took today's train to Sofia, which left four hours after Turkey refused entrance to the Istanbul Express from Munich via Austria, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria.

The only other Istanbul-Europe passenger service would connect via Greece, rail officials said.

Bulgaria has sentenced three activists to prison terms ranging from six to ten months after they publicised the plight of ethnic Turks in Bulgaria, emigre sources said.

The three were convicted in a closed-door trial in the city of Varna for violating Article 273 of the Bulgarian penal code prohibiting slander against state power.

They had gathered signatures on a petition demanding better treatment of Turks and telephoned its results to Western radio stations, emigre sources reported.

The three were identified as Shukri Sherifov, Ali Topalov and Mariena Octavian Irvina.

## Ozal meets Mitsotakis

ANTALYA, Aug 25, (AP): Premier Turgut Ozal met today with the head of Greece's New Democracy Party, Constantine Mitsotakis, during a convention of the European Democratic Union.

Ozal told a news conference after the two-hour private meeting that he and Mitsotakis exchanged views on bilateral issues including the Cyprus problem, military control of the Aegean Sea and disputes over air space.

The semi-official Anatolia News Agency reported.

"This meeting will help develop the relations between the two countries," Ozal said.

Mitsotakis told reporters that Cyprus stood as the major problem in bilateral disputes and it would not be possible to solve other problems before finding a solution to Cyprus issue.

Cyprus was divided into northern and southern sectors after Turkish troops invaded the island in 1974 following an Athens-backed coup.

# Take me to court: Singh

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account in the bank. The despatch published in the pro-opposition Indian Express quoted the bank's former solicitor, Thomas V. Brown, and former assistant of Madan, only identified as Anne S., as saying that neither of the Singhs deposited money in the bank. The largest amount held by a single depositor did not exceed \$3 million, they added.

The Arab Times, quoting Indian police sources, reported last Sunday that Singh deposited \$21 million in the bank in 1986 and 1987. The deposits, ranging from \$2 million to \$5 million, were allegedly made while Singh was the finance minister in Rajiv Gandhi's government.

The allegation caused a furore in opposition ranks, with Singh vehemently denying the charges.

Arif Mohammed Khan, an MP and a close associate of Singh's, vowed to quit politics if allegations against Singh are substantiated.

In an interview with the Arab Times, Khan said: "I'll quit politics if the Arab Times can produce documents which are not forged."

He blamed Rajiv Gandhi and his "minions" for the campaign to discredit Singh.

In his letter to Rajiv, Singh accused the prime minister of hatching plots against him including the one to "eliminate me by an accident."

Our special Caribbean correspondent reports after investigating and interviewing government, official, local businessmen, banking officials, and other reliable sources in St. Kitts and elsewhere:

1. The tiny eastern Caribbean island of St. Kitts has during the last four years attempted to establish itself as an offshore banking centre to rival the Cayman Islands. Although it is a relatively new player in the game of offshore banking, St. Kitts has established banking laws which are extremely conducive to secret banking. Penalties for bankers breaching bank secrecy laws may include up to five years in prison. The International Herald Tribune newspaper recently described St. Kitts as "the new paradise for secret money."

2. The charter of the First Trust Corporation Limited was issued in the form of a letter from the government of St. Christopher and Nevis. We have officially requested that the government provide us a certified copy of that charter letter. The government has responded that it will comply with our request, but that this will take 14 to 21 days. We are attempting to expedite this process.

3. Because a certified copy of the charter letter is not immediately available, we have contacted T. J. Seaton, Attorney General of St. Christopher and Nevis, who has confirmed that he has personal knowledge that the First Trust Corporation Ltd. existed and operated in St. Kitts in the period during which V.P. Singh is alleged to have been the beneficiary of the bank's numbered account 29479.

4. Although we have been unable to reach him, we have been told that Powell, Deputy Prime Minister of St. Christopher and Nevis, is also willing and able to confirm that The First Trust Corporation Ltd. was a duly chartered and licensed trust company which operated in St. Kitts during the period from 1986 to 1988.

Throughout its existence, the physical offices of The First Trust Corporation Ltd. were located on the ground floor of the Palm Arcade, the Circus, in Basseterre, the capital of St. Kitts. Also located in the Palm Arcade in Basseterre while The First Trust Corporation Ltd. was there were offices of the Royal Bank of Canada and of The Bank of the Eastern Caribbean. A number of employees of these banks and other neighbouring businesses have confirmed that they remember the Palm Arcade offices of the First Trust Corporation Ltd.

6. There are two types of banking licences available in St. Kitts. The first is an ordinary banking licence. The First Trust Corporation Ltd. had the second type of licence, which is a trust company licence. Under the laws of St. Christopher and Nevis, a company chartered under the Bank of St. Kitts Act cannot operate as a trust company, cannot provide full-service banking but must operate much like a building society in the United Kingdom or a savings & loan institution in the United States of America.

7. The business of The First Trust Corporation Ltd. was limited to private banking for a small number of clients. It had no tellers. The size of its staff ranged between three and five employees.

8. George Madan, founder and Managing Director of The First Trust Corporation Ltd., suffered a heart attack some years before he formed the bank. He was forced to leave the bank during July 1988 due to deteriorating health. Madan suffered a second heart attack within one month after he returned from St. Kitts to his home in Toronto, Canada, in July 1988. He has since recovered and now resides in Toronto.

9. Madan was not involved in merger negotiations, or the resultant merger of The First Trust Corporation Ltd. into another trust institution, based in St. Kitts, because these negotiations did not begin until August 1988.

10. During its entire existence, The First Trust Corporation Ltd. never had more than 100 accounts open at any time. Of all its accounts, about 25 per cent were held by Indian citizens.

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# UN efforts to revive Gulf talks

GENEVA, Aug. 25. (Reuters): UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar is trying to arrange a high-level meeting with Iraq and Iran at next month's non-aligned summit in Belgrade. UN sources said today.

Pursuing peace efforts in the Gulf, Perez de Cuellar's office has asked to meet the heads of both delegations to the summit in Belgrade and is assuming he will have

separate talks at least with the two foreign ministers and possibly the presidents.

The meetings could be the first between the UN chief and presidents of the two neighbours since the Gulf war ceasefire of Aug. 20, 1988, and could help revive peace talks bogged down in discord over troop withdrawals and dredging a river.

"It's always useful to have meetings at the highest level," one source said. "If it would happen it would be interesting."

The secretary-general's personal envoy for the Gulf, Jan Eliasson, today ended two days of talks with officials from Iran and Iraq to prepare for the September 4-7 tripartite summit in Belgrade of the 102-member Non-Aligned Movement.

The former president of Iran, Ali

Khamenei, attended the last non-aligned summit in Zimbabwe in 1986. His successor, Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, has met Perez de Cuellar before, but not as president and it was not clear if he would come.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has not attended a non-aligned summit since 1979 and it was not certain if he would attend this one. "This will be clear only when he leaves Baghdad or arrives in Belgrade," one Iraqi source said.

Meanwhile, a UN mediator in the Gulf peace talks today ended a round of meetings with Iranian and Iraqi officials.

The three-day session was intended to prepare for expected talks between UN Secretary-General and two foreign ministers early next month during the summit of non-aligned nations in Belgrade.

■ Iraq has called today for direct peace talks with Iran under the auspices of the UN to help settle differences over a year-long ceasefire agreement.

■ Iran said yesterday the failure of Iraq to withdraw from Iranian land was the main stumbling block to a peace settlement in the Gulf war.

## MIDEAST BRIEFS

### Postponement sought

ALGIERS, Aug. 25. (Reuters): President Chadli Benjedid said yesterday he would seek to postpone Algeria's first multi-party elections since independence, due in December, to allow more time to reorganise local government.

A presidential statement carried by the Algerian news agency APS yesterday said Chadli would reinforce the country's nascent democratic climate.

### Carter as mediator

NAIROBI, Aug. 25. (Reuters): A second Ethiopian rebel group yesterday accepted former US President Jimmy Carter's offer to act as an observer in peace talks with the Marxist government in Addis Ababa.

The Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) said it had chosen Carter so that talks could start without delay.

The Eritrean People's Liberation front (EPLF), an allied guerrilla movement in the adjacent province of Eritrea, accepted Carter's offer last week.

### Joins hunger strike

RABAT, Aug. 25. (Reuters): A Moroccan prisoner joined a jail hunger strike today to demand political status, numerically replacing a student who died this week after a 64-day fast. His family said in a statement.

### Seeks asylum

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 25. (Reuters): Somalia's charge d'affaires in Sweden is seeking political asylum in a Western country, the Foreign Ministry said today.

A spokesman said Sweden had been informed by "certain sources" that the charge, Abdullahi Jama Elmi, had flown to Canada but had not yet been confirmed.

"We know he has left his post and left Sweden," the spokesman said.

The Somali embassy said Elmi's whereabouts were unknown.

### Plan condemned

CHARLEVUE-CHAVAGNEU, France, Aug. 25. (Reuters): A leader of France's extreme right-wing national front today condemned a plan to rebuild a mosque razed last week by local authorities.

"Freedom of religion must not serve as a pretext for the Islamisation of France," said Bruno Mégret, number three of the National Front. "We do not want to see mosques mushrooming across the country."

### Israeli fails

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25. (KUNA): Israel's long accused of racism towards Arabs—has failed to integrate Ethiopian Jews seeking "the promised land," and left many dismayed by discrimination and poor housing, the black Jews said yesterday.

Four years after the original fanatical, anti-Semitic Israeli "secret airlift" of thousands of them, the majority of Ethiopian Jews still live in hovels and are kept mostly isolated in "ghettos," they, and outside observers, said.

### Kurds return

DIYARBAKIR, Turkey, Aug. 25. (Reuters): More than 330 Kurdish refugees have left a hot and dusty tent city in southeast Turkey to return to Iraq, officials said today.

The departure over the Habur crossing yesterday took the total number of Iraqi Kurds to leave the camp near Mardin in the past week to over 30,000, officials said.

Kurdish sources said those going were mainly non-political villagers who had told Turkish officials they wanted to return to take advantage of an Iraqi amnesty.

### Billboard campaign

LONDON, Aug. 25. (AP): Supporters of British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher today put up the first of 150 billboards in London to remind Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and the public of his plight.

"Close your eyes and think of England. John McCarthy has been doing nothing else for three years," said the 10-foot by 30-foot billboard in the Finsbury area of London, part of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's constituency.

Bill Morrell of the Friends of John McCarthy said the group planned to put up 150 such billboards in London and across the country.

Others in Brighton and Blackpool, where the Labour and Conservative parties respectively will hold their annual conferences this fall.

### Device explodes

ISTANBUL, Turkey, Aug. 25. (AP): A small explosive device detonated inside the building housing Israel's consulate on Wednesday but did not cause any casualties or damage, a consulate official said.

Consul-general Yigal Lavi said the device exploded near the staircase of an eight-story building in the Sisli district of Istanbul that houses the consulate.

Lavi said the 3 pm (1200 GMT) blast occurred near the staircase on the third floor. He said the consulate is on the fourth floor.

### Heavy rains

TUNIS, Aug. 25. (KUNA): Heavy rains accompanied with thunderstorms killed nine people here in the last two days as three others were considered missing.

The 30 mm rain flooded valleys and streams that swept houses and farms.

Concerned Tunisian authorities appealed to citizens residing near valleys to evict their areas to avoid likely dangers resulting from the pouring rain that obstructed traffic and damaged farms.

Assessment of losses' value is underway.

## Kidnapped Jew found

### Three houses blown up

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug. 25. (Agencies): Security agents rescued a kidnapped Israeli gold merchant from a half-filled well today, a day and a half after he was seized by masked Palestinians in the occupied West Bank.

Shaul Mishaniya, 47, was found after a massive search by helicopters and hundreds of soldiers. Officials said an Arab suspect captured yesterday led agents of the Shin Bet secret service to the well in the tiny village of Abush near Tulkarem.

"I am healthy, thank God, and thank you to the Israeli Army and all the soldiers who helped me," Mishaniya said on Israel Radio.



Mishaniya: Inside well

He was the first Israeli civilian abducted during the 20-month Palestinian uprising, prompting speculation that PLO-backed leaders of the revolt were stepping up the violence in their battle against Israeli occupation.

However, officials also said they were investigating possible criminal motives for his kidnapping.

"The motive is not known. The investigation is looking into whether it is political or criminal or both," said Col. Remaan Gissin, deputy military spokesman.

Mishaniya reportedly went to the West Bank, where few Israelis now venture because of the uprising, to collect debts owed him by Arabs. News reports said he argued with an Arab merchant before he was grabbed on Wednesday night by masked men carrying knives.

Mishaniya told Israel Radio he offered his kidnappers gold and money for his freedom. He said they accepted but then refused to release him.

In the Gaza Strip, the Army ordered demolition of four houses of Palestinians accused of killing alleged collaborators with Israel or playing a role in the uprising, the Army said.

Soldiers blew up or bulldozed three houses. In the case of the fourth, family members tore down four rooms themselves with sledge hammers after reaching agreement with the Army that one room could be left standing for the family of seven.

One house blown up belonged to 60-year-old Mohammed Matar whose son, Said, 21, was jailed for uprising activities, then killed a fellow Arab inmate in the Ketzioz prison as a suspected collaborator.

The Army has torn down more than 280 houses in Gaza and the West Bank during the uprising, despite complaints by the United States and human rights groups that destroying homes amounts to collective punishment.

The Jerusalem Post, meanwhile, quoted Army sources as saying a Palestinian teenager whose body was found last Tuesday in a West Bank refugee camp was killed by Israeli security forces the night before. An army spokeswoman could not confirm the report.

The killing of the youth, Nasser Abu Katrina, 17, in the Al-Amari camp was one of several mysterious deaths in the past 10 days in the West Bank.

Also today, the Army permanently barred Palestinian writer Mutawakil Taha from entering Israel, an Army spokesman said.

Taha, head of the West Bank Writers' Association, has been repeatedly accused of fomenting the uprising. Since the revolt began in December 1987, he has spent nearly 18 months in jail under administrative detention, in which suspects are held without charges or trial.

The military began jailing alleged Palestinian activists without trial for a year today under a measure that doubles the previous maximum allowed by law, Army radio said.

It named Salem Shalakhah, 25, of Sair village and Maher Faraj, 23, of Dheisheh refugee camp as the first to be imprisoned under the regulations. Previous practice was to jail suspects for renewable six-month terms.

■ A Palestinian physics instructor facing expulsion by Israel issued a prison appeal in an Israeli newspaper today for Arabs and Israelis to abandon aims of liquidating each other.

The Supreme Court ordered Tayyar Aruri expelled yesterday on suspicion of helping foment a 20-month-long uprising against Israeli occupation. Scholars world-wide had campaigned against his expulsion which could take place any day.

Israelis have swung to the right during the Palestinian uprising and are now less willing to talk to the PLO and more determined to maintain military strength, according to an opinion study published today.

Only 32 per cent of Israelis supported negotiations with the PLO, compared to 37 per cent in 1987, and 45 per cent opposed an international Middle East peace conference, up from 37 per cent the previous year.

In a major swing, 48 per cent said they favoured security interests over the rule of law compared with only 28 per cent a year earlier.

■ A Scottish pathologist who conducted an independent autopsy on the body of a Palestinian-American killed last week said yesterday he died of a gunshot wound to the back and did not appear to have been tortured.

## Rebels armed, Kabul raps US

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 25. (Agencies): Afghanistan's foreign minister yesterday accused the United States and Pakistan of supplying the Afghan rebels with long-range missiles armed with cluster-bomb warheads.

"These allegations are totally unfounded. There is no evidence from any independent source to support these claims including from the UN observers on the scene," said Pakistan's UN Ambassador, Nasim Ahmed.

In Washington, a spokeswoman for the US State Department said they had no comment on the Afghan accusation.

In a letter to UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar released yesterday, Afghan Foreign Minister Abdul Wakil complained of "the delivery of new long-range missiles to the Afghan extremists by Pakistan and the United States."

Delayed

"The warheads of these rockets are mounted with cluster bombs with delayed time fuses and anti-personnel mines, all aimed at mass murder and wreaking havoc and terror in the cities," said Wakil.

"While these rockets detonate large numbers of cluster fragmentation bombs in wider areas, the delayed-fuse bombs and anti-personnel mines, which are spread by these rockets, frustrate rescue operations," he said.

It is widely believed that the Afghan rebels obtain Western munition from Pakistan's military intelligence service, which receives them from the United States.

The United States has said it will continue supplying the mujahedeen with arms as long as Moscow keeps shipping weapons to Kabul.

US officials have particularly objected to Afghanistan's use of Soviet-supplied Scud-B missiles, some of which have hit Pakistani border towns and installations.

Wakil said one long-range rocket struck a residential neighbourhood of Kabul on Aug. 15, killing nine people and wounding 22.

Perez de Cuellar has previously expressed his concern over rocket attacks on residential areas of Kabul and the eastern Afghan city of Jalalabad, besieged by the mujahedeen for months.

Afghan rebels today denied allegations by Kabul that they were firing deadly cluster bombs at cities.

The rebel provisional government's official news agency Midia quoted mujahedeen commanders as saying the charges were designed to justify the government's own use of lethal weapons against rebels and civilians.

Bombing

The commanders fighting around Kabul said Soviet Scud missiles and high-level bombing over the past several days had killed or wounded countless men, women and children.

In an interview this week, several rebel politicians in Peshawar, northwest Pakistan, denied any knowledge of the missiles.

A leading US senator warned Afghan rebels to maintain US congressional support in their fight.

But Sen. Claiborne Pell, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on his first trip to the region, also said Washington should support the Afghan rebels' self-declared provisional government despite the open quarrelling.

"I think the interim government is the best alternative at this time," Pell told a news conference.

Anatagonisms among leaders of the seven rebel parties have flared openly in recent weeks and their fighters have clashed in the field. Some observers have blamed the divisions for the rebels' failure to co-ordinate and capture a single key city since the Soviet withdrawal.

## Rafsanjani gaining support for cabinet

### Ardebili call to set aside differences

NICOSIA, Aug. 25. (Agencies): Iran's former chief justice today urged parliament to set aside political bickering and endorse President Hashemi Rafsanjani's new cabinet in this weekend's vote of confidence debate.

The official Islamic Republic News Agency, quoted Ayatollah Musavi Ardebili as saying: "My brotherly advice to the dear deputies is that... they should not, God forbid, be overcome by... factionalism and political lineups because in that case they would get less respect."

It was the second appeal in three days by a leading Iranian personality for swift approval by parliament of the 22 ministers nominated by the new President.

On Wednesday, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, the country's supreme leader, called for parliament to issue a vote of confidence without delay on the basis of the candidates' ability.

He said it was "not expedient to leave a ministry without a minister... in these times, every day is crucial."



### Israel requests

Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens asked Kenya today to use its contacts in the Arab world to promote peace efforts in the Middle East, the Voice of Kenya reported.

Arens made the request when he met President Daniel Arap Moi in the provincial capital of Nakuru.

The broadcast made mention of Moi's accepted Aren's request, but quoted the President as saying the Middle East conflict would end "when all parties involved realise

they need not be led by hatred."

Smiles and laughter as Arens and Kenya's Dr Robert Uko sign the Economic and Technological pact.

Nigeria yesterday denied a report that it was poised to resume diplomatic relations with Israel, broken off in 1973.

"I am confirming there is no such thing," said Jide Oguntonkun, Adviser to External Affairs Minister Ike Nwachukwu. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Palestinians deported Families torn

RAMALLAH, Occupied West Bank, Aug. 25. (AP): Amal Aruri stole herself for the worst, but still found she was unprepared when the Israeli Supreme Court ordered her husband deported to Lebanon.

"We fought it for more than a year," Mrs Aruri said, her voice shaking. "Even though I expected it day by day, still I was shocked."

The 28-year-old Palestinian nursery school teacher learned from the Israeli Radio news that an appeal by her husband, physics Professor Tayyar Aruri, was rejected by the court yesterday. He is accused of being a leader of the Palestinians uprising.

The deportation order is expected to be carried out within a week and could mean a long separation for the family. Mrs Aruri has no passport and fears she will not get special travel passes from the Israeli military government.

"I haven't told the children yet," she said in an interview yesterday, adding she was waiting "until we can sit alone together... maybe at bedtime."

The sitting room in the family's white stone house was crowded yesterday with relatives who came to lend support and distract the three Aruri children, aged two to seven, while Mrs Aruri talked with lawyers and reporters.

Tayyar Aruri, a 43-year-old physicist at the West Bank's Bir Zeit University, was served on Aug. 17, 1988, with a deportation order signed by Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

He has been jailed since in June in prison near Nabulus.

Aruri was never tried but was accused by the Army of being a member of the outlawed Palestinian Communist Party and of being "involved in planning the intifada," and a member of the United Command of the intifada.

The Supreme Court does not hear arguments in deportation cases, but only decides if the Army acted properly. The court has never overturned a deportation order.

London-based Amnesty International has adopted Aruri as a "Prisoner of conscience," and hundreds of scientists in America, Canada and Europe signed petitions and launched a letter-writing campaign on his behalf.

"Maybe they didn't know they were dealing with a very cold government here," Mrs Aruri said.

Her husband was one of four Palestinians whose petitions were rejected yesterday. The others are Odeh Yusef Maali and Majed Lahadi, both union organisers, and Mohammed Matar, a teacher. Lahadi's brother, Mohammed, also a union leader, was expelled in June.

The expulsions to Lebanon will raise the number of deportees to 59, despite complaints from the United States, the United Nations and international human rights groups, who insist the practice violates international law.

## Israelis murder Egyptian scientist

BAGHDAD, Aug. 25. (AP): The ruling Baath Party newspaper today published a report claiming that Israeli intelligence agents killed an Egyptian scientist last month in Alexandria, Egypt.

Al Thawra said retired Col. Saeed Said Bider was assassinated July 13 in his apartment in Alexandria, a few days after he returned from West Germany where he was working on a satellite communications project.

The report, by an Egyptian journalist, said Egyptian police arrested four Israeli agents of Mossad, the Israeli intelligence service in Alexandria after Bider's death.

Al Thawra said that Bider, an electronics expert who also served as a scientific adviser to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, was approached by the Israeli to work for them but refused.

It said Bider was also offered a job by NASA, the US space agency, but turned it down when the Americans insisted he apply for American citizenship and sign a pledge never to supply the Egyptians with information about his research.

Al Thawra said that Bider, the son of a well-known Egyptian comedian and theatre director, the late Sayed Bider, was working on a project involving electronic counter-surveillance measures and their applications in space technology.

The report said the scientist's troubles started after Israel launched its first satellite last September because of fears that Bider's research would allow Egypt to monitor Israeli communications through the satellite.

It claimed that Israeli agents had killed 17 Egyptian scientists in the past, among them a nuclear expert working with the Iraq's state-run Nuclear Energy Organisation. He was assassinated in Paris in 1980.

## 57 judges sacked for criticising Sudan junta

KHARTOUM, Aug. 25. (Reuters): Sudan's new military leaders have sacked 57 judges who criticised them for trying to usurp the role of the courts, Sudanese and diplomatic sources said today.

The judges, several from the Supreme Court, submitted a memorandum on Tuesday marking the strongest protest yet against the 15-member junta led by General Omar Hassan Al-Bashir.

The memorandum, a copy of which was obtained by Reuters, accused the junta of interfering in the judicial process by setting up special military bodies to gather information on alleged corruption during the three-year rule of ousted Prime Minister Sadeq Al-Mahdi.

"We cannot afford to stand by passively while the judiciary is being robbed of its responsibilities," the judges said.

"We in the judiciary do not aspire to rule, but it is our professional duty and moral obligation to stand up to rulers and officials when they make incorrect decisions," it added.

The sources said opposition to the military leaders, who have carried out a wide-ranging purge of the armed forces and civil service since seizing power in June, was growing among ordinary Sudanese.

Food shortages are worsening in Khartoum, a mainly slum city of an estimated seven million people.

## Crackdown Egyptian reds held

CAIRO, Aug. 25. (Reuters): Egyptian police have arrested 52 alleged communists planning to topple the government, the national Middle East News Agency (MENA) said.

The agency said they were members of the Egyptian Communist Workers Party whose aim was to change Egypt's political and social systems by illegal means.

Communist organisations are banned in Egypt.

Attorney-General Gamal Shoman told a news conference on Sunday police had arrested 41 Shiite Muslims and were hunting 16 others suspected of planning to overthrow President Hosni Mubarak and launch an Iranian-style Islamic revolution.

The Shiite Muslims — most Egyptian Muslims are members of the Sunni group — were preparing to attack interests in Egypt of Iraq, Israel, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and the United States, he said.

Police raided the homes of suspected communists early yesterday. Three journalists and three lawyers were among those arrested, MENA said.

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OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug. 25. (Reuters): Israeli security forces are increasingly using cloak-and-dagger tactics against militants of the Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

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All workers entering Israel are required to have the magnetic cards. Uprising leaders have ordered Gazans to boycott work in Israel and turn in the cards to local "popular committees."

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## Abu Nidal aide killed, retaliation threatened

BEIRUT, Aug. 25. (Reuters): A radical Palestinian group said today it would kill 25 "spies" in retaliation for the killing of a senior member in southern Lebanon on Wednesday.

In a statement published in Beirut newspapers, the Palestinian Fatah Revolutionary Council (FRC) said: "We will carry out the death sentence against 15 spies belonging to a number of organs linked to such crimes (assassinations)."

The FRC, headed by the shadowy figure Abu Nidal,

holds several Lebanese and Palestinian prisoners, some of whom it accuses of spying.

The group did not identify the 15 but vowed to punish those who shot dead Rabah Abdel-Rahim at the entrance of the Palestinian refugee camp Ain El-Hilweh on Wednesday. The camp is near the southern port of Sidon.

"We pledge to cut off the hands of the agents who executed this ugly crime... we will punish all the traitors who planned the assassination of our comrade and we will fight the enemy's network," it said.



# Amir's Cairo visit will foster peace: Osaimi

## Lebanon priority issue

KUWAIT, Aug 25, (KUNA): Kuwaiti Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Saoud Mohammed Al Osaimi has affirmed that the visit by HH the Amir to Egypt on Monday comes at the time while the Arab world is passing through critical political circumstances.

Speaking to representatives of Egyptian press here, Osaimi said the timing of the visit was of great significance, particularly that the two sisterly countries have so many joint issues that need further discussion.

In his remarks, the minister said he believed that "the visit would certainly result in ideas and stances that would push forward the peace process in the region and further foster co-operation bonds among brethren during these difficult circumstances."

He said the two leaders — HH the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Jaber and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak — will tackle several hot political and economic questions on the Arab and international arenas, especially those concerning Third World countries.

The priority issue to be discussed,

Osaimi went on, is the deteriorating situation in Lebanon. He said the meeting between HH the Amir and his brother President Mubarak will be yet another opportunity for the two leaders to further exchange views on the plight of the Lebanese people.

### Regrets

The Kuwaiti state minister for foreign affairs expressed regret over the painful situation in Lebanon and said developments there are obviously top priority in any high-level Arab meeting.

"No one can neglect what is happening in Lebanon. Nobody can keep silent, seeing that country torn by war and its people being displaced as the Arab world is incapable of rendering help or assistance," he said.

Osaimi referred to the efforts exerted by the Arab League's six-man committee, headed by Kuwaiti Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed, and the endeavors of the supreme tripartite Arab committee, comprising Saudi Arabia, Morocco and Algeria to resolve the Lebanese ordeal.

He said all those efforts were sincere Arab overtures aimed at reaching a

resolution that would maintain Lebanon's unity, security and stability.

He urged the Arab supreme committee to go ahead with its efforts to resolve the Lebanese crisis and said "Kuwait like other Arab countries has contributed by submitting some views for resolving the Lebanese problem through joint action."

Osaimi reiterated Kuwait's support of the supreme committee's moves saying that his country had received a couple of days ago the committee's proposals for ending the fighting in Lebanon.

Asked on whether an Arab summit can be held to examine the alarming situation in Lebanon, the minister stated that "time is premature to convene such a high-level meeting."

### Concern

Osaimi asserted that Kuwait strongly advocates Lebanon as a free and independent state far from any foreign interventions. He noted that Kuwait, like other Arab countries, is dealing with the current situation in Lebanon where there are two governments in the war-torn country, as status quo.

He deplored the kidnapping of

civilians in Lebanon as "an act that does not comply with laws, logic or human feeling, particularly when the abducted were not linked to the course of developments there."

Turning to regional concerns, Osaimi hoped that the ceasefire between Iraq and Iran would develop into lasting peace. He pointed out that the states of the region are keen on realising a quick and final peace.

He referred to the international efforts in this connection, mentioning in particular those of the UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar for implementing the UN Resolution 598. He denied that De Cuellar's efforts had come to a deadlock and stated that Iraqi and Iranian experts are currently meeting in Geneva under UN auspices.

Osaimi said that the relations between Kuwait and Iran were not severed and that the Kuwaiti embassy in Tehran is operating quite normal following the return of Kuwaiti diplomats to the Iranian capital more than a year ago.

In this regard he stressed Kuwait's firm and stable stance saying "Kuwait is always stretching the hand of peace to

Iran as it is doing with all friendly countries all over the world.

### Uprising

Osaimi saluted the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories and said it has been receiving popular backing every day.

He added that the uprising has unveiled the Israeli Nazi policy and gave the Mideast problem a new meaning, particularly in the Western media.

Osaimi called on Arab and Islamic nations and all peace-loving people everywhere to render support to the uprising, which he said, had imposed "a new framework of solution in the Mideast conflict."

He said the Palestinian people had rejected the Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's election plan in the occupied lands "because they knew it would not lead to resolving the conflict."

On the international debt crisis, the minister recalled the initiative of HH the Amir in this regard before the UN General Assembly last year which envisaged a joint meeting between creditor and debtor states to reach positive solutions for the problem.

# Action Line

AN article was published in the Arab Times on July 29/21 in which the director of the Immigration Department, Col. Ahmad Al Wozah, said that those girls who are on their father's residence can get the sponsorship of their husbands if the husband is working in Kuwait.

He also said those wives working in the private sector, if they are terminated or resign voluntarily, can change their sponsorship to their husband's only after approval from the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour.

1) Could you explain the procedure to be followed to change the sponsorship of a working wife to that of her husband?

2) Is the salary limit of KD650 applicable?

M.S. Gopichandran  
ENQUIRIES at the Immigration Department reveal that a working woman is required to first obtain an approval to transfer or cancel the visa first from the Interior Ministry and then from the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour. If she gets an approval from the Social Affairs Ministry, she must return to the Immigration Department to complete the formalities.

In all cases, an immigration official said, the salary limit of KD650 (private) and KD450 (public) would be applied.

Our lawyer, Mr. Khaled Taber, said that if the ministries reject an application for transfer of residence, then the wife must re-enter Kuwait on a fresh visa, No. 22, and in this case, the salary limit is applied.

I AM a domestic servant, employed since February 1988. In the beginning, my employer was good to me; recently she started fighting with me. She always gets angry and blames me. In my contract, it says she will give me KD45 a month but pays me only KD30 per month. She is also showing me one paper, saying that she can do anything and no one will do anything, even if she kills anyone. Is this true?

Emma J.  
IF you can prove with the contract that the salary is KD45, then you can file a case to get the balance payment. According to the Kuwait government's strict laws, no has the right to take any illegal action; if an illegal act is committed, the person will be punished by the law and lawmakers.

I AM employed in the public sector. My wife is a resident of Kuwait under visa No. 20. She has also conceived. I am planning to perform hajj next year and I would like my wife to accompany me, which will be permitted by her sponsor. Is it permissible? What are the documents to obtain hajj visa?

Mohammad Rafiq  
THE hajj visa, as you must be aware, is granted by the Saudi Arabian Embassy in Kuwait. If your wife's sponsor has no objection to her going for hajj, you can get a certificate from him and approach the Saudi Arabian Embassy. You'll need a duly attested marriage certificate, valid passports with valid residence permits and an application. It is up to the Saudi Embassy to accept or reject your application.

HOW can a deportee possibly apply for a pardon at the Ministry of the Interior? What are the steps to be taken? Who is the right person to contact or the right officer?

J.A.L.  
A PARDON can be granted only by the Minister of the Interior. You must write an application and hand it in at the Ministry of the Interior, Shamiya.

In the application, the person must give the reasons on which he is seeking pardon.

I CAME to Kuwait in 1983 and work as a housemaid. My employer was deported but his family is still here. Is there any possibility to transfer my visa to the new employer? Is his wife authorized to give me a release? Please advise me.

Les  
IF your employer's wife has a power of attorney, or authorisation from her husband, she can give a release. But if she doesn't, she must go to the Immigration Department, who can prove the deportation of her husband, and seek their help to transfer your visa.

1. MY wife and two children have a family dependent visa, valid until May 1990. They left for India in July 1989 and will stay there till next summer because of the children's education. Since the visa expires automatically after six months, I would like to know the procedure and documents required to get the above time limit waived.

2. Is there any time limit to get the Civil ID card made after getting the residence stamped?

3. In one of the previous columns you mentioned that the custody of an employee's passport by the employer is illegal. Why is the practice so prevalent in Kuwait?

4. I missed your interpretation of one month annual leave and the calculation method.

U.C. Sharma  
1. IF your children's passport and iqama are valid, you can apply for a permission for them to "overstay". For this you have to get attested school certificates from the school where your children will be studying. In case the visa expires, a father can call them on a fresh visa and get the visa after their entry into the country.

2. An ID card must be renewed within one month after stamping the residence; if this is not done, a defaulter will be fined KD 20.

3. In Kuwait, it is customary for a passport to be held by the employer as long as that person's "work" relationship continues. And the employee has the right to ask for the passport to process any papers or for travel.

4. It is 30 working days, excluding Fridays.

MY boss will go back to his country next year. At that time I'll complete my second two-year contract as a domestic helper. After my contract with them ends, I'd like to stay and look for another job. I've also qualified as a secretary-administrator and can use all office machines, including computers. I also have some experience in my country.

1) Can I ask them for a release so that I can look for another job?

2) Can I ask them to change my visa from No. 20 to No. 18?

Alice  
IF your employer agrees to give you a release, you can get one. This matter has to be settled between you and your employer; it's a matter that can be settled only by the two parties involved.

A No. 20 visa cannot be changed to No. 18; if you apply for such a transfer, it will not be accepted. You have to get a new No. 18 visa.

1) I AM a 16-year-old girl. I just finished my secondary school education. I'll be going out of Kuwait for further studies. But my family will remain here. I have a valid residence until March, 1990. Once I go out of Kuwait, I cannot come back before that date because of studies. Will the Interior Ministry renew my Kuwait residence if I apply for it now?

P.D. Choudhary  
YOU can obtain an overstay permission from the Immigration Office, supplying them relevant documents proving your college status overseas, to study outside Kuwait for more than six months. To our knowledge, it's not possible to renew the residence far in advance of its expiry. We suggest you come back a month before its expiry for renewal.

I AM a 32-year-old desperate Christian woman, married with three children. Due to intolerable circumstances, I could not stay even for a moment with my husband. Recently, I met another man, who wants to marry me. Will our marriage be considered legal? What is the procedure and to whom should we contact? How many days will it take for divorce? What is the procedure?

A desperate lady  
YOU can file a divorce case before a non-Muslim court, giving details and the reasons for divorce; the court will decide the matter after examining all details of the case. The divorce must be filed according to the law of the husband's country.

After the divorce comes through, you can remarry.

If you have a problem drop in a line to Action Line, Arab Times, P.O. Box 2270, 13023 Safat, Kuwait or Fax your questions to us on Tel. 4847495.

## Kuwait tests Australian sheep Quarantined

KUWAIT, Aug 25, (Agencies): Kuwait is testing 45,000 Australian sheep, rejected by Saudi Arabia on the grounds of disease, and is holding them in special quarantine, importers said.

Results are expected within days and industry sources said with Kuwaiti laboratories' reputation as the best in the region the outcome could influence other countries.

Saudi Arabia rejected some 300,000 live Australian sheep in the last few weeks, saying they had blue tongue and sheep pox.

Australia denies the sheep are diseased and Primary Industries and Energy Minister John Kerin said many of them had been resold to other Gulf states which found them disease-free.

Kuwaiti importers said only sheep rejected by Saudi Arabia and diverted to Kuwait were in special quarantine. Direct shipments from Australia were entering as usual, they added.

Sultan Al Sultan, director of animal health at Kuwait's Public Authority for Agriculture and Fishing, said the special quarantine started last Saturday in response to Saudi Arabia's statement that the animals had blue tongue and sheep pox.

"We took blood samples. They are now in the laboratory and it may be up to a week before the results are ready," Sultan said.

Canberra insists the sheep are healthy but last Wednesday Qatar announced it had rejected a shipment of Australian sheep, saying they had tested positive for Malta fever, also known as brucellosis.

Australian official said the diseases mentioned by Saudi Arabia and Qatar are unknown in Australian commercial flocks.

Industry sources in the region said the Australians had recommended the Qataris carry out another test, saying they believed the one used initially was not always reliable.

Saudi Arabia takes half of Australia's total live sheep exports of nearly seven million head, a trade worth up to 105 million dollars (\$78 million) a year. Canberra has warned that the row could harm overall trade relations with

Riyadh.  
Sources say Australia might consider sending a bacteriologist to Qatar.

In an apparent indication that the sheep issue would not infringe on bilateral relations, a report in the English-language newspaper Riyadh Daily quoted an Australian embassy spokesman as saying Saudi Arabia was among 60 countries invited by Canberra to attend "The first international conference on chemical weapons."

The conference is scheduled for Sept 18-22 in the Australian capital.

A Kuwaiti newspaper yesterday accused Australia of dumping diseased sheep in Gulf countries in the belief its people were underdeveloped and easy to dominate. It called for a joint Gulf response.

"There are still countries, institutions and companies that believe they can preserve old concepts and deal with us as though we were underdeveloped people who can be dominated and directed in a way that corresponds to the interests of those countries and institutions."

"This happened with regard to the sick sheep deal which Australia tried to market and sell in Saudi Arabia," the newspaper said.

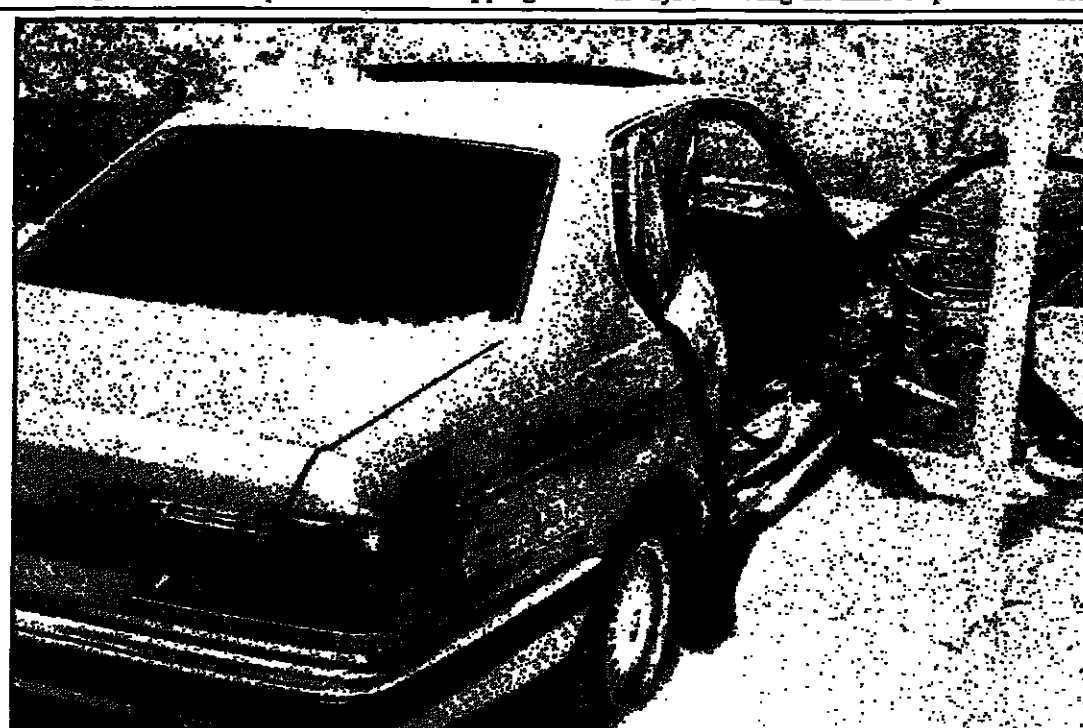
"We cannot leave Saudi Arabia to herself. We must let the Australian authorities know we are all in one trench together."

Bahrain's Al Ayam newspaper said: "The situation needs a Gulf stand."

Al Ayam said: "The Australian claims that one or more of the rejected shipments were sold to other Gulf countries have led citizens of the Gulf to be suspicious about the Australian meat they consume."

It added: "This is not a matter of a trade dispute between two countries about price or quality of a commodity... this is an issue concerning human health."

Agriculture sources in the United Arab Emirates said the crisis would not affect UAR sheep imports. UAE traders reported a large shipment unloaded on Tuesday.



Expensive accident

This expensive BMW 735i crashed into a lamp post at the Al Bida roundabout on Thursday night. The driver escaped unhurt. (Photo by Saud Farhan)

## Call to discipline children

### 159 Egyptian teachers contracted

THE acting assistant undersecretary for public education and director of Farwaniya Educational Area Ibrahim Abal Khail has said that the ministry's external contracting committee which returned from Cairo has contracted with 159 Egyptian teachers in different majors. Majors of the new teachers are: library studies, practical studies, domestic economy, private institutes and music. The ministry has covered and met all of its needs for teachers in different subjects. He added that the ministry has locally contracted with 252 teachers beside contracting 111 teachers from Jordan and 13 teachers from Tunisia. The ministry also contracted with 120 more Egyptian teachers and 51 Moroccan teachers who will be delegated by their governments.

Abal Khail pointed out that 422 Kuwaiti teachers graduated during the summer session and all were appointed as of the beginning of the new academic year.

He pointed out that girls schools are still suffering from shortage in teachers of music. But he added that this shortage will be solved by organising training courses in music for some girls working in the administrative staff of the schools. The new teachers will be received by special committees and provided with informative books about Kuwait. Some of them will also benefit from training courses that will be held by the ministry's training centre, he said.

Every child in the first and second class of primary schools at all educational areas will have a separate

bookcase inside his or her class to keep text books to alleviate the load of carrying these books from their homes to school and vice-versa.

Meanwhile, director of the Training Centre of the Ministry of Education, Naser Ali Al Dhahi stressed that teachers' personal behaviour has a direct bearing in the formation of student behaviour besides their essential role towards imparting education.

Interviewed by the "Teacher Magazine," Dhahi added that it is correct to presume that teachers tend towards early retirement because they do not feel that they are well respected and adequately compensated for performing one of the most essential services which is a prerequisite for any society's well-being.

He stated that families and schools should work jointly in the educational operation. He indicated that teachers in the past had stronger confidence in themselves because they felt more respected socially.

He stated that looking at the present situation, it is easy to notice the negligence and carelessness of many families towards guiding their children. He said that a lack of censorship on children will consequently lead to delinquency reflecting on children's behaviour within their schools, particularly in classrooms. He added that as a result teachers will find themselves unable to control students' behaviour inside the classrooms. Dhahi urged families to impose stricter censorship on their children and to encourage them towards self respect and respecting others.

## Kuwait to host Arab book fair Nov 29

THE National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters will organise the 15th Arab Book Fair in Kuwait and will take part in the International Moscow Book Fair which will be held in the Soviet capital Sept 12-18, 1989.

Officials at the council said that it is currently preparing for the 15th Arab Book Fair which is going to be held at the International Fair Grounds in Mishrif from Nov 29 until Dec 12, 1989.

An official source said that 200 invitations were sent to government authorities and private establishments in the Arab world and replies were received from participants along with books.

The council has completed measures towards preparing for the Arab book fair index which includes up to 30,000 book titles from 18 Arab states. One of the publishing houses in Morocco will take part in the fair for the first time.

Officials said that the number of sections at the book fair will approximately total 170 representing nearly 300 government and private establishments in addition to publishing houses and international organisations.

Meanwhile, at the Moscow fair, the council will establish a section that represents Kuwait at which a large number of government publications, and publications from Kuwait Foundation will be on display.

### Cock complaint

AN Iraqi family has filed a complaint to the police authorities against a cock who inflicted serious injury to their son during the performance of his official duties.

According to the complaint, the cock pecked the eye of the victim when he was taking the readings of a meter from the electrical board in the Governorate of Zi Qar situated in a small southern area in the town of Nasriya.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Marafie Auto Repair Center Co. W.L.L.

Announces that passports of the following employees have been lost:

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Abdeally	Indian	U-829866
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Mohamed Ansari	Indian	E-568489
Mr. Md. Ahsanullah		
Mohammad Ullah	Bangladeshi	F-375695
Mr. Narendra Kumar		
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# MEW draws up subscriber payment plan

## Judicial proceedings against violators

By Salem Al Wawan

**ASSISTANT** Undersecretary for Consumer Affairs at the Ministry of Electricity and Water Ali Hammad Al Fanni has said that outstanding subscriber bills totalling KD8 million which should be paid up before the year is out.

The ministry has drawn up a subscriber-payment plan, calling all citizens and residents to come forward and settle their electricity bills in order to avoid individual proceedings.

Speaking to Seyassah/Arab Times, he said that relevant personnel had finalised a

study on consumer protection administrative policy as a result of which a number of new departments would have to be set up and the related functional tasks established as a necessary step commensurate with the requirements of the new work stage.

### Measures

This step is in response to directives by high-ranking ministry officials aiming to co-ordinate regulatory measures in keeping with new trends that are conducive to public welfare.

Currently there are no intentions to

increase consumption value. However, water and power consumption was growing, which called for a reconsideration of the existing rationalisation policy, on the basis of which a number of issues will have to be addressed.

The most frequent problems the ministry encounters is the repeated failure of water meters in certain areas. This has been attributed by specialists at the maintenance department to the longstanding water discolouration problem.

To prevent this, the ministry has replaced the entire water network of Shuwaikh plant resulting in the reduction

of the frequency of these failures, he added.

Fanni urged all consumers whose rate exceeded 50 per cent of their normal consumption to check in with the emergency offices set up in their neighbourhoods to determine the reasons.

On the disconnection of power supply from consumers failing to pay their overdue bills, he said that the ministry will initially warn them further continued non-payment will entail disconnection of power from their houses, offices or others to force them to settle their outstanding bills.

## 8-1/2 years, fine for basement abortionist

THE Criminal Court sentenced a doctor to eight and a half years imprisonment and a fine of KD500 for smuggling banned drugs and using them to carry out illegal abortions. The same court also sentenced a woman who underwent an abortion to 20 months imprisonment and ordered her deportation. A lady accomplice who was the accused's friend and introduced her to the doctor was given a two-year suspended sentence. A man who was accused by the lady of getting her pregnant was acquitted.

The court was told that a police captain learnt through his sources that the doctor was using a basement in his house as an illegal clinic to carry out abortions and charged KD400 for early pregnancies and KD600 for women in their sixth and onward months.

The police assigned a secret informer (pregnant) to seek an abortion through the doctor. At the appointed time and date the informer was being prepared for the abortion, when the police raided the premises and apprehended the doctor in the act. A quantity of banned medicines and other instruments to conduct the abortions were recovered during the raid.

During the presence of the police, two ladies and one man arrived and on interrogation said that one of the ladies had undergone an abortion in the doctor's clinic and was suffering from complications and needed the doctor's help. The lady who had the abortion told the police that the man with her was her brother-in-law who had made love to her and they were living together. However, she later changed her testimony by claiming that another person who left Kuwait had made love to her. The lady said that the second woman who was with them helped her find the doctor and also helped her find the money to pay for her abortion.

## Theft charge

The Court of First Instance has sentenced a man to 30 months rigorous imprisonment on charges of theft.

The criminal was arrested red-handed in the act of trying to steal from a shop in the Farwaniya area.

The court was also told that the accused had broken into a restaurant in the same area and stolen an amount of KD30. The court was further told that the accused had been convicted on 12 different occasions during this year for similar crimes.

The stolen items were identified by their respective owners, security sources said.

# Women smokers on the increase

## Habit spread at all levels

WOMEN in the Arabian world are taking on a new trend. At a time when women in Western countries are trying to quit smoking, Arab women smokers have recently registered a dramatic increase.

It is now common to see an Arab woman driver holding a cigarette in her mouth. It is also not unusual to see a college girl sitting among her friends and lighting up. Smoking, is not confined to a specific group of women, but it is well spread among women of all cultural, financial and social levels. It includes housewives, working women and college girls.

On the issue of women smokers, a local daily conducted several interviews with a group of women smokers and non-smokers to highlight their opinions.

Jamila F. un-married and 28 years of age started smoking nine years ago. She said that at the time when she started smoking she only wanted to imitate some of her friends at work, but she became addicted.

Jamila added that she does not feel embarrassed when lighting a cigarette in public and that she lights her cigarette anywhere when wanting to smoke. Even though she considers herself a smoker, she does not like to see a woman smoke and respects a woman for not smoking.

### Freedom

Zinab Abdul Menam who is 40 years old and currently working as a beautician said she started smoking 20 years ago. She added that she only smokes for the purpose of entertaining herself and that she finds smoking very relaxing. She is not concerned if

her children look while she smokes a cigarette because she considers it as a personal freedom. Therefore, she smokes in front of everybody and at any place. Zinab indicated that despite all the negative effects of smoking, she has no intention of quitting the habit for the time being.

Zakiya Younis started smoking 18 years ago. She gained this habit from friends and particularly her husband whom she considers a heavy smoker.

She added that she does not smoke in public but, only at special parties and sometimes at home even though she feels that she should not smoke in front of her children for fears that they may emulate this bad habit.

She indicated that she once tried to get rid of this habit for six months but, unfortunately could not continue this experience and returned to smoking.

Another 25 year old lady said that girls start smoking just for amusement and to try out a new experience but, end up getting addicted.

### Killing time

She indicated that she started smoking 7 years ago just to kill time and avoid boredom. She added that she does not like to smoke publicly, particularly in the presence of non-smokers because she respects their feelings.

Meanwhile, several interviews were conducted with a number of non-smoking women to get their opinions on the issue.

Souzi Sowam, 19 years of age and a student at the Dental College is a non-smoker. She said that most women smokers

smoke to kill time and just for amusement only. Some of the women may smoke in order to imitate others and to get rid of tension.

Souzi feels uncomfortable when accidentally seeing a woman smoking a cigarette. She said that it is still unusual to see a woman smoking in public in the Arab world and that women smokers should smoke in private only.

### Imitation

Maha Assaf said that the habit of smoking is just blind imitation of Western women. She believes that the habit gained from outside the Arab world which does not allow women to be equal with men. Maha said that her husband is a heavy smoker and that she is not afraid that she will gain the habit due to the fact that he does not want her to smoke.

Layla Hosain a 30-year-old housewife said that it has become quite common to see a woman smoking in public. She added that her husband smokes for a long time and that she will not gain this habit due to the fact that she is convinced that it is harmful to health.

Shahm Murad who is working as a teacher said that Eastern women started smoking thinking that smoking is a feature of civilisation and freedom but, in reality smoking lowers femininity and self-respect.

Meanwhile, Hosain Al Najdi expressed regret over what he sees daily at roads and public areas where women smoke. He added that women smokers are mistaken in their notion that smoking makes them more modern.

## Aim to upgrade potential

## 515 civil servants trained at NCMC

By Jamal Ameen

THE director of the Computer and Microfilm Training Department at the National Computer and Microfilm Centre (NCMC) at the Ministry of Planning Abdul Latif Hamad Al Nami has said that the department trained and qualified 515 employees from different government agencies over the period from early January to the end of June this year.

Speaking to Seyassah/Arab Times, he said that the department organised theoretical and practical training courses and programmes within the framework of the national policy to rely on computer and microfilm systems in various government work sites. This is also aimed at reducing dependence on manual labour in the field of data entry and retrieval utilising modern technology on a wide-scale within the government working sector, as part of the ambitious marked out for the next national five-year plan.

The primary purpose of the department's training programmes is to develop and upgrade the

professional potentials of the Kuwaiti labour force, diversify the scope of their technical know-how and ultimately build up a self-dependant and self-sufficient army of local cadres, the official said.

He said that candidates for the department's various training sessions would have to fill up a special form through their employers which must be despatched to the department one month before the start of the programme.

Candidates will have to take the test to qualify for the course, and that they will be notified through their employers of whether or not they had been accepted for the course. He highlighted the department's emphasis on practical training as forming 50 per cent of the core of its programmes. All the needed soft and hard ware are available to accommodate all types of trainees and ensure careful measuring of their progress, the official said.

## Pole expedition

TWO Saudi scientists will join a world expedition team due to explore the South Pole next month, it was announced here today. Dr Ibrahim Alem of King Fahd University and Dr Mustafa Omar of King Abdul-Aziz University, will join scientists from USA, UK, Soviet Union, France, Japan and China in an expedition tour the South Pole.

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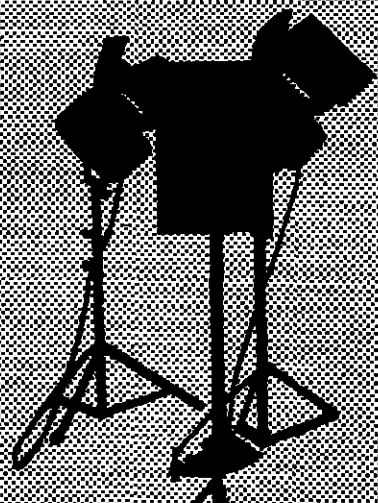
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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Contract bids

KUWAIT, Aug 25, (KUNA): Minister of Public Works Abdel Rahman Al Houti said bids for establishment of the new meat and vegetables market will be invited next November.

In compliance with instructions of HH the Amir an expert has been chosen to draw up designs of the market, the minister told KUNA.

The project will be finalised in two years, he said, noting that the new market's site will be near the Gharaballi's old souk in accordance with the Amir's desire to maintain Kuwait's most important old markets.

### Ethiopians leave

KUWAIT, Aug 25, (KUNA): Assistant of the Ethiopian President Kassa Kebede and his accompanying delegation last night left here concluding an official several-day visit to Kuwait.

He was seen off at the airport by State Minister for Services Affairs Issa Al Mazedi and other foreign ministry's officials.

During his stay in Kuwait, the Ethiopian presidential envoy was received by HH the Amir of the State of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah.

Ethiopian Kuwaiti talks dealt with situation in Ethiopia, the Horn of Africa and the Red Sea.

Kebede also expressed hope that Kuwait and other Arab countries would support his government's drive to find a solution to the problems that hinder stability in that part of the world.

### Kuwaiti week

CAIRO, Aug 25, (KUNA): Egyptian Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel Meguid opened a Kuwaiti Information and Culture Week Wednesday night, which portrays Kuwait's past and present.

The ceremony was attended by Egyptian Culture Minister Farouq Hosni, head of the diplomatic missions and a number of literary men and artists.

Abdel Meguid toured the pavilions of a Kuwaiti arts exhibit and said he was happy to attend the opening ceremony.

Kuwait's Ambassador Abdul Razzaq Al Kandari thanked the senior Egyptian official for attending the event organised by the Kuwaiti Information Ministry and the Egyptian Culture Ministry on the occasion of the visit here on Monday by HH the Amir of Kuwait.

### Palm trees

DIRECTOR of the Agricultural Research Department at the Bahraini Ministry of Commerce and Agriculture, Sheikh Mohammed Bin Abdul Wahab Al Khalifa said that Bahrain has a total of 397,000 palm trees compared with the last century during which the number of palm trees was estimated at one million.

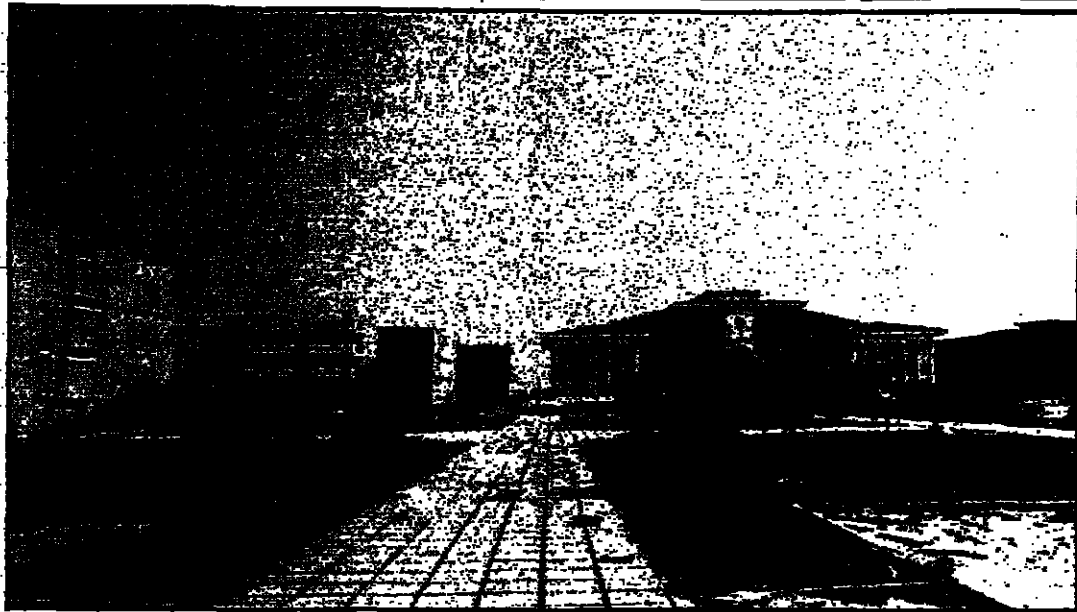
Sheikh Khalifa said that the decrease in the number of palm trees in Bahrain was due to saltiness of underground wells and the low economical produce of palms causing farmers to stay away from palm agriculture.

The director of the Agricultural Research Department added that 60 per cent of palm trees in Bahrain have growth problems and that several symposiums were held in order to encourage farmers towards palm farming.

### Symposia

THE Arab Gulf University will hold a number of symposia during the next few months, it was announced in Manama today. The university will host a seminar aimed at exchanging experience between deans of medical colleges at the universities of the member states in co-operation with the Arab Gulf Education Bureau. The meeting will be held between Oct 7-9. The university will also host a workshop between March 17-21, 1990 on desertification.

The workshop will be held in co-operation with United Nations Environment Organisation and Australia. The university will also hold two symposia in January next year, the first on the universities buildings and the second on acquiring new technologies.



### Islamic centre

During his visit to Egypt due to start Aug 28, HH the Amir will visit the International Islamic Centre in Ismailia city in Egypt. The \$38 million centre was totally financed by the Kuwaiti Popular Donations Committee.

It is constructed on an area of over half a million

square metres. The installations are erected over an area of 100,000 square metres. The project is comprehensively equipped with all the needed facilities, from schools, mosques, multi-purpose sports city, cafeterias, radio and TV station. It also includes hostels for girls and boys who will be admitted to the centre from all over the Islamic world.

## Practical supervision necessary

# Revise administrative system, says official

ADMINISTRATIVE backwardness in the country's ministries and establishments is mainly attributed to the lack of clear vision and understanding of planning strategy, plans and objectives of the administrative system, member of the Administrative Development Committee, Sheikh Sabah Mohammad Al Sabah said yesterday. Sheikh Sabah who is also the general manager of the Administrative and Technical Studies Institute, said that the application of collective supervision and the same laws to various ministries and establishments, constitutes a major obstacle for administrative development in Kuwait.

He called for studying the administrative systems applied here and see to what extent these systems suit the general objectives of society. The official stressed on the importance of supervision of the administrative staff, as a system and not individuals, stressing on the need to create an information-gathering system to apply it during supervising performance.

Sheikh Sabah said that there is no need for a decision to begin administrative development, because this is supposed to be a continuous process in government and other establishments.

Development of establishment performance must be looked upon as very important for its continuity. He added that in the presence of administrative laws that do not suit develop-

ment requirements in the country, the absence of a clear understanding results in the absence of administrative supervision based upon productivity, performance and quality. This, after all, will result in the inability to issue decisions that suit the special conditions of each establishment and ministry. Continuing, he said what is happening at present, is a kind of diagnosis and an attempt to gather information to find the proper solutions for this administrative backwardness. In brief, the aim of the present attempts is to create a new structure for the administrative system, he said.

### Supervision

He called for more practical supervision over the administrative system and asked that the opinions of people dealing with the concerned establishment or ministry be taken into account while adopting any decision. Continuous training and guidance must be provided to staff, he said. "It is better to transfer some of the public establishments and sectors to the joint or private sector," Sheikh Sabah said, and added "the working of many public establishments is hindered by red tape and routine, which can be avoided in the private sector. By doing this, the burden of the administrative reforms on the government, will be greatly reduced. It will provide enough time to the government to apply its administrative reforms to the remaining

public establishments," Sheikh Sabah asserted.

He went on to state that some public establishments can be transferred into independent bodies with special law and rules to govern its working.

He stressed that in all cases, administrative development decisions must be based on scientific grounds by gathering the necessary information. He added that we must also find several alternatives as we should not depend upon one decision alone.

About the specialisation of the Administrative and Technical Studies Institute, Sheikh Sabah said that the institute is specialised in carrying out academic and applied research studies.

It provides consultations to both the public and private sectors. It also organises programmes and training studies at the higher educational level for Kuwait and the Middle East region about oil, military, economic, investment, technical, administrative and computer fields. The institute has a highly qualified consultancy council, including the expertise of Arabs and foreigners. The institute co-operates in its field with several ministries provides training programmes to the employees of the Finance Ministry. The institute held advanced training programmes for the Defence Ministry, Air Force, Navy and other institutions. Sheikh Sabah said.

## Sabah Al Salem residents complain of slack facilities

A NUMBER of people at Sabah Al Salem suburb have complained from the high prices of commodities at the co-operative society. They also complained of defective construction of their houses which do not have heat-insulators or sunshades for water reservoirs. They also complained of the large number of traffic signals in the area, the need to establish a public garden, entertainment clubs and swimming pools.

One of the citizens in the area Mahmoud Al Mutairi claimed that prices at the co-operative society in the area are very high. He accused the former administration of the co-operative of not having a clear plan to serve citizens in the area. Citizens till now have as yet to witness a positive change in the policies by the induction of the new board.

He also criticised the health services offered by two health centres in Sabah Al Salem suburb. He added that medicine given to patients by the two centres are of poor quality compared to medicine given at hospitals. He also complained of the acts of various delinquents in the area which causes considerable inconvenience to citizens. He accused the police centre of not providing adequate security services.

He called on the relevant authorities to give more concern to the afforestation and landscaping projects. He also called to build a public garden or club or swimming pool in the area for recreation and entertainment.

Khaled Al Masoudi said that the suburb is considered a new area compared to others like Ahmadi or Salmiya. This provides officials with the opportunity of providing an attractive appearance to the area. But he complained of too many traffic signals and speed-breakers and added that some boys drive cars without a driving licence.

Mansour Fahd claimed that profits received by share holders of the co-operative society are only one dinar or less a year. He added that he has not got reasonable returns from the co-operative as a share-holder for the last seven years. He added that prices of commodities at the co-operative are very high compared to other co-operatives. The co-operative does not offer adequate services to citizens in the area. But he praised the health services of the Public Health Ministry. He added that a large number of traffic signals in the area cause traffic jams which he attributed to the bad planning of roads. He added that some signals can be replaced by roundabouts at the internal roads.

## Governorate recommendations

THE Committee in charge of Mukhtareen Affairs, recently formed on directives from HH the Amir, has submitted a report in which it recommended the development of authority delegated to the Mukhtareen (district local governors) to give them more power whereby they could effectively deal with the problems brought to their attention by citizens.

The recommendations included in the report covered the assignment of adequate authority to the mukhtar in order to place certain trouble-making bachelors under surveillance, in co-ordination with the local police station, to report any transgressions perpetrated by contractors against the public cleanliness law or failure to finish construction on time, and to play a reconciliatory part between families having differences or neighbours in order to smooth things over and prevent them from progressing into a case requiring police intervention.

The report also requested that the mukhtar have access to local population figure mortality and births, types of crimes prevalent in the area and other information that would contribute to better performance of duties.

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## Colombian govt readies for war

### Traffickers kill at will

THE COLOMBIAN drug mafia's declaration of war on Thursday is likely to send shivers down the spine of politicians aware of the traffickers' ability to kill at will, political analysts said.

In recent years death squads have killed dozens of political leaders, judges and journalists apparently on orders from the cocaine kingpins who operate multi-billion dollar drug trade.

Even before Thursday's statement sent to the media by a group known as "The Extraditable" was publicised, political analysts were predicting a war.

"The bloodbath will probably not stop now and even the president is at risk," Francisco Santos, foreign editor of the influential newspaper El Tiempo said this week.

One leading columnist, writing in Thursday's edition of El Tiempo before the drug traffickers' statement, urged the government to stand firm and fight he called "An arrogant and Brutal" challenge.

"President Barco has an exceptional opportunity — both internally and internationally — to act," Enrique Santos Calderon said.

"If the government's declaration of war ends up being no more than a passing uproar, better throw the towel," he said, in apparent reference to the drug traffickers' military power.

The drug barons' declaration of "total war" was not unexpected after President Virgilio Barco issued emergency decrees six days ago to carry out the toughest government operation to date against the traffickers.

The most important element of Barco's decree was the reinstitution of an extradition and trial in the United States.

"What these people fear most is being sent to the US," one Western diplomat said. "They said it may times in the past, now they just decided to act."

Barco's decrees included summary extradition of traffickers and confiscation of their assets. Nearly 150 properties, some lavishly furnished and decorated, have been seized and nearly 11,000 people arrested, but none of the 12 listed by the United States has been apprehended.

Police say an estimated 140 armed squads, trained in military schools accommodating hundreds of men, have extended the reach and power of drug barons over vast areas of the Colombian countryside in recent years.

Barco has called the squads terrorist organisations and he set up an elite squad to fight the groups which vary in strength between 20 and 50 men and whose arsenals include rocket-propelled grenades.

The armed squads first surfaced in the early 1980s as units formed by cattle herders and farmers for defence against guerrillas.

An American anti-narcotics expert in Bogota said this week it was inevitable the drug lords would strike back if only because of the severity of Barco's measures that hit at the core of their formidable wealth.

"You're talking about people who are not well-educated, impulsive and who have gone far by intimidation," he said.

In their toughly-worded statement, "The Extraditables," often linked to the notorious Medellín drug cartel, declared war on all members of society who had dared to oppose them.

"We declare total war on the government, the industrial and political oligarchy, the journalists who have attacked and insulted us, the judges who have sold out to the government, magistrates who have extradited us, trade union leaders and all those who have persecuted us," the statement said.

Until the assassination last week of a judge, a police chief and leading presidential candidate Luis Carlos Galán, the government genuinely thought measures taken were sufficient, said Communications Minister Carlos Lemos Simmonds.

"But last week's killings meant more drastic measures were necessary," he told journalists on Wednesday.

The government of Barco, like the one of his predecessor Belisario Betancur, has often been accused of adopting tepid, inadequate measures to control the lethal challenge of the drug mafia. (Reuters — Bogota).

## PRESS REVIEW

A SAUDI newspaper said the Lebanese crisis had entered a dangerous phase and unless swift action were taken the outcome would be unimaginable.

In an editorial carried by the official Saudi Press Agency, *Al Riyadh* said the Lebanese situation "has entered a dangerous, complicated phase the consequences of which cannot be imagined."

This is particularly so as French naval forces are now in the vicinity of the Lebanese coast.

Syria has warned France it would pay a high price if it deployed its fleet near Lebanon while Iranian-backed Shiite Muslims threatened to shell the warships if they came within range.

"Unless swift action is taken or an Arab-international consensus reached the problem will extend beyond its present limits to something unbearable or unimaginable," the paper said. (Reuters)

## TODAY IN HISTORY

55 BC — Roman forces under Julius Caesar invade Britain.

1316 — Artillery is reported used for first time in history in Battle of Creecy in northern France.

1541 — Suleiman I, Sultan of Turkey, having invaded Hungary to dispute Archduke Ferdinand's claim to that kingdom, takes Buda and annexes Hungary which is designated a Turkish province.

1847 — Liberia is proclaimed an independent republic.

1859 — Britain and Japan sign a commercial treaty.

1896 — Insurrection begins in the Philippines against the Spanish.

1896 — Spanish revolutionaries attack Ottoman Bank in Constantinople, which provokes a three-day massacre.

1915 — Germany army captures Brest-Litovsk in Russia during World War I.

1934 — Adolf Hitler demands that France turn over the Saar to Germany.

1936 — Treaty ends British occupation of Egypt, except Suez Canal zone, and Britain and Egypt form alliance for 20 years.

1937 — Japan blockades Chinese shipping.

1943 — German Army reaches Stalingrad in Soviet Union during World War II.

1945 — Japanese envoys board US battleship "Missouri" to receive surrender instructions at the end of World War II.

1964 — Rhodesia bans nationalist movements, people's caretaker council and Zimbabwe African National Union.

1964 — Student and Buddhist riots force resignation of government of Premier Nguyen Khanh in South Vietnam.

1970 — North Vietnam sends its chief negotiator back to Vietnam peace talks in Paris after eight-and-one-half month boycott of negotiations.

1986 — United Nations agency says at least 1,534 people died from toxic gas released from remote volcanic lake in Cameroon.

1987 — Iran's Prime Minister Hussein Musavi accuses United States and Arab countries of seeking to impose "ignominious peace" on Iran.

1988 — Nationwide strike paralyzes government and transportation in Burma and anti-government rallies spread.

## Personality cult fostered

# Saddam larger than life

PRESIDENT Saddam Hussein emerges from his armoured black Cadillac in crisp military fatigues.

The burly Iraqi leader leaps on a prancing white Arab horse and guides it through two giant bronze (plated) swords curved into a victory arch at Baghdad's Festivities Square.

Bronze fists grip the swords, which are made of ferro-concrete. Tanks, palm trees, eagles and a dangling net full of helmets captured from Iranian soldiers during the eight-year Gulf war are sculpted in for good measure.

The twin arches, the newest item in Baghdad's collection of outsized monuments, commemorate what Iraq regards as its victory in the conflict stilled by a UN ceasefire a year ago.

They also bolster a pervasive personality cult of Saddam, 52, strongman of Iraq since the Baath party takeover in July 1968 and President since July 1979.

"Saddam Hussein, God's gift to Iraq and the Arab nation," declares a slogan stencilled onto a petrol-station wall.

In Baghdad, huge wall paintings and posters of the president smile down from crossroads and public buildings. In northern towns, Saddam is portrayed in Kurdish costume kissing babies.

His face appears routinely on newspaper front pages every day and he often delivers televised pep talks to ministers, provincial officials and army officers.

In nightclubs and cabarets, complimentary songs about Saddam always feature in the evening's entertainment and provide the cue for applause and extravagant tips for the performers.

For celebrations marking the ceasefire's first anniversary — on August 20, 1988 — he appeared late at night on a balcony at Festivities Square in Saudi Arabian-style garb — white headress with a black woven headband and a gauzy black gown over a gold-hemmed white robe.

He waved to perhaps 100,000 young men chanting his praises: "Our souls, our blood, we sacrifice for you Saddam."

Saddam has varied his attire since the plain army uniform of the war years. Now it might be a gleaming white suit and dark glasses, a snappy field marshal's outfit or even bavarian village clothes complete with braces and feathered hat.

Even more intriguing for his 17 million people are moves to rehabilitate the image of the Hashemite monarchy, toppled in Iraq by the 1958 revolution, and that of royalty in general.

In 1958 crowds tore down an equestrian statue of Iraq's last king, Faisal II. This month the statue was re-erected, though ironically the square around it keeps the name of Egypt's former leader Gamal Abdel Nasser, who helped oust his own country's monarchy in 1952. Nasser is to get new statue of his own.

The government has spent \$3.2 million this year on renovating Baghdad's royal cemetery housing the remains of Faisal I, his son Ghazi and grandson Faisal II.

Thanks to the revision of history now favoured by republican Iraq's ostensibly Socialist, Baathist ideologues, these men are revered as heroes of anti-colonialist Arab nationalism.

"Kings are part of our history," says the guide at the handsome blue-domed mausoleum set in a quiet, well-tended garden. "Don't forget, Faisal I was against the British."

ALI KHAN TATAR keeps a pistol by his side. So do his brothers, cousins and dozens more clan members — virtually a hilltop fort.

Members of the Kurdish Tatar clan reckon they are the only local people who still support the Turkish government in the Sirkak area, 950 km (600 miles) southeast of Ankara.

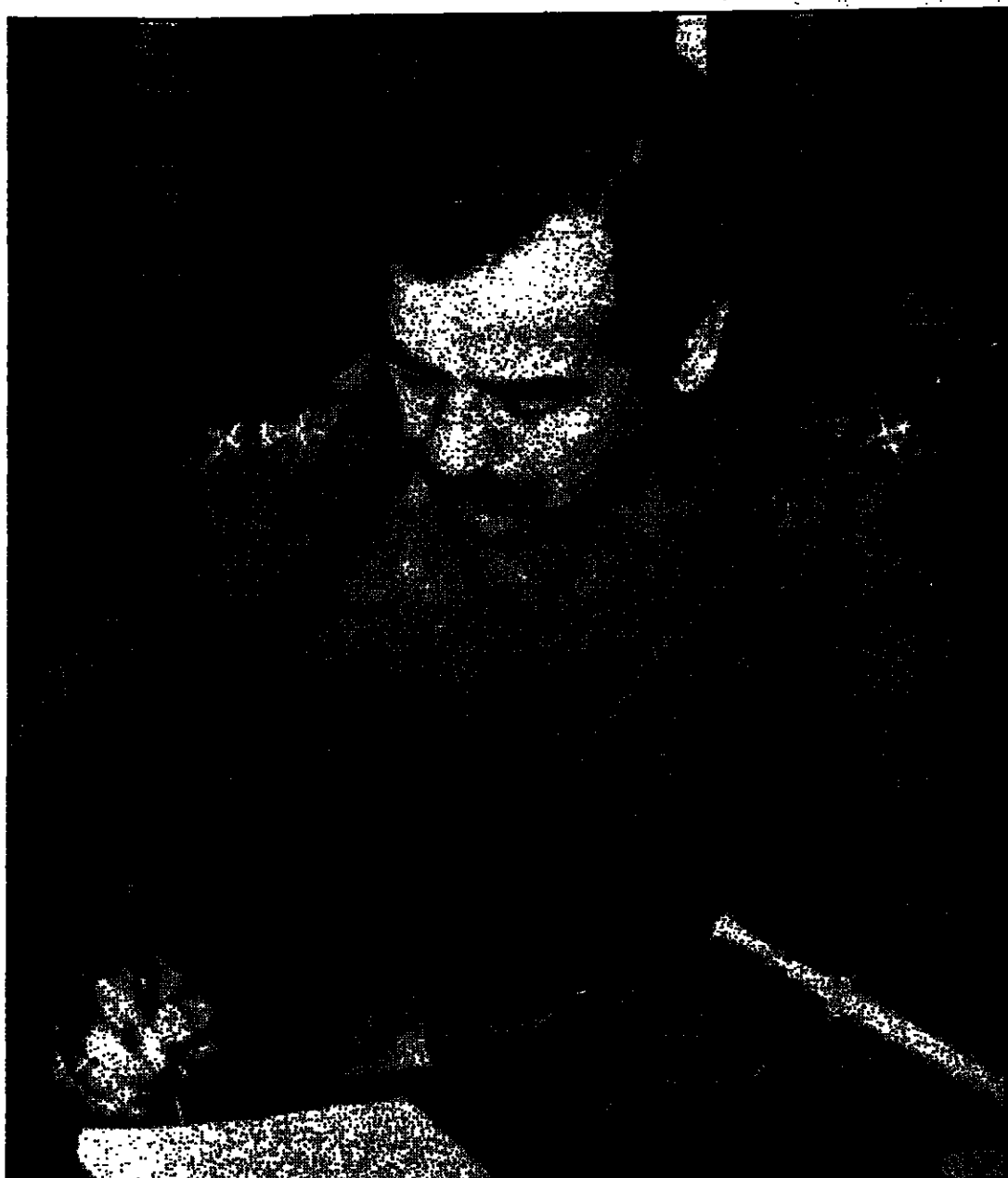
"Ninety-five per cent of the people here support the PKK (Kurdish Workers Party rebels)," said Ali Khan, the clan's aqa or leader. "And we are the PKK's number one target here."

Five years after it launched an armed struggle for an independent state, the PKK scores few big guerrilla victories and brings no marchers or stone-throwers onto the streets.

But in the sparsely-populated mountain ranges around Sirkak, the current centre of the insurgency, PKK guerrilla bands are a constant thorn in Turkey's side.

"I don't see any quick solutions to this problem," said one senior local official. "The PKK may be crazy but it is tough, a kind of would-be Kurdish Khmer Rouge."

At least 1,500 people have been killed since the PKK launched its armed struggle for an indepen-



Saddam Hussein: complimentary songs about him feature in the evening's entertainment in nightclubs and cabarets.

An Iraqi historian, Mustafa Abdel-Qader Al Najjar, has published a paper linking Saddam to the Hashemite clan of Makkah, to which Jordan's present ruler King Hussein belongs.

A plaque at the Shi'ite Muslim shrine of Karbala traces the president's descent from the Prophet Mohammed (PBUH).

"It's a search for legitimacy," one Western diplomat said. "Saddam is looking to the past for symbols of glory and unity."

The president has now ordered graves built for any of Iraq's ancient rulers whose remains can be identified.

He has already turned the once evocative ruins of ancient Babylon into a symbol of resistance to the Persians who seized it in 539-538 B.C. Egyptian and

Sudanese labourers have rebuilt its austere brick walls, leaving little to the imagination.

"The regime is taking a genuine interest in all the Semitic dynasties who ruled Iraq for millennia before the Arabs arrived in the seventh century A.D.," one Western observer said.

"They are trying to show the Arabs as rooted in the far past. It's a selective view of history. For example they ignore the Persian contribution to Arab-Islamic culture," he said.

What, if anything, ordinary Iraqis make of all this is not clear as many are afraid to speak freely to foreigners.

Since the war Saddam has spoken of liberalisation and even urged the media to broadcast constructive criticism. (Reuters — Baghdad)

## Constant thorn in Turkey's side

### Kurdish rebels a feared force

den Kurdish state on August 14, 1984. Since the beginning of May, 150 have died.

Most of those killed are civilians and Turkey's official press alleges the PKK murders opponents and their families, including babies in arms. For their part, local villagers complain bitterly of excesses by troops and the Tatar clan's government-armed "village guards" militia.

"In my opinion, the reason this problem is still going on is that there is not enough torture," Ali Khan said calmly.

Turkish officials also see the PKK, led by Abdullah Ocalan, an Ankara university political science dropout, as a "tool" of neighbouring Syria.

But a Turkish diplomat said Syria has restrained the PKK since Prime Minister Turgut Ozal visited Damascus in 1987 and made it clear that Turkey would tolerate no more internal interference.

PKK bases were moved away from the Turkish border but the party still has bases in Lebanon's Syrian-controlled Bekaa valley.

Syria fears huge dam projects in Turkey will cut its vital supplies of Euphrates river water, already a fifth of agreed levels because of this summer's

drought in Turkey, the diplomat said.

Syrian restraint is only one of a series of setbacks for the PKK in the past two years.

Its field force along the border with Iraq is now mostly made up of ill-trained youths, many taken in their early teens in forced levies from villages, according to Turkish officials and Kurdish sources.

The PKK can now operate freely only along the Iraqi border, an area called the "Botan Triangle" centred on Sirkak and reaching to Cizre, Sirt and Hakkari.

Many of its experienced commanders were captured or have surrendered over the past year, the officials and sources say.

The PKK is beyond the pale even to some other groups representing the Kurds, a people whose traditional Kurdistan homeland straddles Turkey, Iraq, Iran and Syria. Kurdish nationalist sources say their people number 20 to 30 million.

Ocalan, whose name means "revenge taker" is still the major guerrilla leader although he is not to operate in Turkey.

The grave near Sirkak of a PKK guerrilla girl killed in 1987 is now a place of pilgrimage and its dust is even recommended by Kurdish religious elders as a cure for rheumatism. (Sirkak — Reuters)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Merchants of death

WHAT is the morality of arms and drug peddlers? Both are like vultures preying on their human carrion. The countries that supplied 120mm cannons that deliver 40 shells a minute, want at least 40 human sacrifices per minute. They are like butchers, who do not care how much pain is inflicted on human flesh when a shell strikes the victim. Bofors supplied India such cannons; it cost 10,000 human lives. But the Swedes are not concerned with those innocent lives killed through no fault of their own. You talk of disarmament, preventing a world war but keep on supplying arms. Of what use are arms if not for use on human being rather than dogs or other animals?

America is supplying arms to China knowing fully well it would be trained on Asians. Very cleverly they masquerade as harbingers of peace but they don't want peace. Paranoia can create imaginary enemies and justify killing. You say you must kill a commie or a freedom fighter, calling them savage guerrillas. The motive is plain and simple murder — murder just for kicks. France, America and now Japan mass produce arms because they bring a fast buck — a billion a piece whereas if you grow peanuts, you cannot become a millionaire even in a century. Now S. Korea, Singapore, India, Brazil, Egypt, Argentina, Pakistan have joined the arms manufacturing countries. Stinger missiles are sold to Asian countries who would use them in day to day quarrels; their mass media would tout pretexts to start a clash. How else are these Stinger missiles going to be used?

I would hypothetically enumerate a list of such

possible quarrels: ask Bangladesh to start a dispute over the control of their lands flooded by the rivers Brahmaputra, supply the weaker side saying their cause is just. Then through third parties supply India with rocket propelled grenades, new cannons that will rain 80 shells a minute. Supply Sri Lanka militants with Stinger missiles and the government would come begging for some. Now you offer them laser guided Stinger missiles with more sting in it (nuclear tipped), a billion a piece. Clinch a bargain. Now tell the boys you must go in for the latest model AK 67, an advanced Kalashnikov, now we have MK-Antonovs and keep the arms sales a brisk business with dollars changing hands across the Pak border.

War games are played just to test the killing power; the generals virtually put the President into the brink as they did in Cuba, then President J.F. Kennedy, panicked risking a nuclear holocaust — but the Army top brass don't care for the consequences. A clear thinking Kennedy, however, completely outwitted the mentally deranged generals by adopting a tactic of showing the opponent an opportunity to make a deal. Both sides used restraint but suppose a Stalin was at the other end, he would have sent rockets to Washington D.C. in blitzkrieg leaving no time even to press the button in retaliation. America would have been devastated with the Russians' heavier punch, though less in number. Or sent a million tanks into a pincer movement like Montgomery tactic in the World War II leaving Europe in mayhem which America could never help. All because of acting on the advice, or rather, pressure from Army generals for, to them, human lives mean nothing, except victory or defeat.

America has asked Japan to increase defence

spending: it supplies arms and aircraft manufacturing technology to China. It knows Japan is becoming too rich to control: it would instigate China over an old feud to start a war with Japan. It would just be fun for the Americans to see two yellow perils tearing at each other like in a free-style American wrestling match. The spoils is for the arms suppliers — America and its allies. Again it finds Taiwan quickly building F-16 like America and getting a high export surplus. Call it a tiger, as did India, pit it against its one time enemy, China. Similar targets Singapore-Malaysia, Australia-France, Hungary-Turkey and so on. The armament industry will always be a seller's market, never loses. Sri Lanka would be told to start manufacturing missiles on a production line basis. Stinger missiles, rocket propelled mortars, cannons using its steel mills — good money. Technical advice free, experts free because once a war starts you recoup all your free vouchers in billions and you can keep it going as long as you want.

By 2000 AD all Western countries: Italy, Holland, Belgium, Norway, Sweden, Denmark will stop rearing cattle/cows for milk products and start manufacturing arms — bombs, plastic revolvers, laser guided helicopter gunships, pistols, missiles, tanks, arms, more arms, and only arms.

There will be small scale wars that need supplies in Asia: Sri Lanka-Maldives, India-Pakistan, Afghanistan-Pakistan, Vietnam-Cambodia, Vietnam-China, Cambodia-Thailand, all possible targets where millions will die.

Chunglee Lee,  
Yuan,  
China.

## Royal approval

# Big Brother baffles Nepal

"HE is a cheat and a rogue," the Nepali father says of his elder brother-to-be thunderous applause from a packed audience in Kathmandu's premier auditorium.

"It's not up to me. He created the problem. He should resolve it," the father tells his family.

Both passionate declarations come from a play that drew huge support earlier this month.

"We can survive" is both title and message of a play that has roused Nepali audiences against India in the trade war between the two countries.

Staged with the approval of King Birendra, who vetted it personally, the play sets out the Nepali view that it has been wronged severely by Big Brother India.

It is tinged throughout with great sadness and bafflement that an older brother, predominantly Hindu India, could be so mean to its younger brother, Nepal, the world's only Hindu kingdom.

It set a sombre mood for a visit to Kathmandu by Indian Foreign Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao this week to reopen dormant talks on settling a row that has caused hardship in Nepal.

Neither side expects a quick solution.

"This is just the start of the dialogue again," said an Indian official of Rao's trip.

In the play, the family funds suddenly that big brother has sealed off access to its house and is reduced to hauling food up through the window in a basket.

## Modern

Divided between traditional and modern views, the family argues about what should be done, reflecting a debate in Nepal about how to deal with the trade war which started on March 23 when India closed all but two border posts with Nepal.

New Delhi, which makes no secret of its irritation at Kathmandu's increasing friendliness with Peking, says Nepal was fully aware that trade and transit treaties ran out on that date and it is ready to hold talks on a new, combined treaty.

Nepal says it thought a deal had been struck and India's action was a terrible surprise. It is holding out for two treaties, saying a lap-docked country's transit rights should not be subject to time-limited trade pacts.

Cut off from its traditional supplier of most imports, Nepal, one of the world's 10 poorest countries, is suffering severely.

Economic growth has been slashed, with factories closed by lack of fuel, goods in the shops growing more expensive daily and some, like salt, sugar and kerosene for cooking, scarce.

What to do about it is the main topic of conversation in Kathmandu. And all eyes are on Birendra, Nepal's absolute ruler.

Indian officials say they believe the problem can be resolved only by a summit meeting between Birendra and Prime Minister Rajendra P. Sharma. Rao's visit might pave the way to such a meeting, they say.

One Nepali cabinet minister ruled that out. "If that's the only way the problem can be solved, why do we have governments? The integrity of the government must be preserved. The foreign ministries must work it out."

The play offers no solution.

It ends with a phone call from the neighbour to the north — China — offering to open a narrow access to the house. "I'll have to think about that," says father.

Father, a depiction of Birendra as an easy-going liberal, has not made up his mind. He stresses that the family must be united.

## Peace

"If there is peace in the family, there is peace in the country. If there is peace in the country, there is peace in the world," he says.

Nepalis, both pro-government and in opposition, say they agree with the sentiment, but many ask: "Unity to what end?"

Officials say the government is ready to make a fair deal but is prepared to take a tough line if India declines to comply and that the country should be united in face of the hardships.

Opponents say they fear the government will give in eventually.

"They absolutely should not do that," a former minister said.

"This country has long been over-dependent on India to the point it is clear India does not respect the sovereignty of Nepal in certain matters. We will never have a better chance to develop self-reliance."

"We have to unite behind the king for self-reliance and so far it hasn't happened," he said, an oblique criticism of the ruler.

Birendra has said nothing on the dispute. But his approval of "We Can Survive" at a private performance suggests to some he is in no mood to resolve it.

"It's in India's court," a senior foreign ministry official said. (Reuters — Kathmandu)

## Quote me

"I could be the poster boy for bad judgement." — Actor Rob Lowe, saying he made a mistake by videotaping a sexual encounter with two young women.

"I would like to fly to the moon but I don't have a rocket. Solidarity union leader Lach Walesa, saying the Communist Party's demands for a dominant role in the new government of Poland were unrealistic.

"There is a coldness about him. Yet he's easy to talk to. He uses the personal pronoun a lot — 'I', 'me', 'my' — but he is the respected head of an international body and that goes with the job. He enjoys the trappings of his office, but that impresses some people." — One international sports leader said about Samaranch.

"You've heard of drug pushers. This was a drug pusher." — Police Sgt. Don Cook, commenting on a stray dog which dragged a shopping bag containing \$25,000 worth of crack into a woman's driveway.

"This is it. We are exploring new worlds." — Astronomer Rich Terilei commenting on Voyager 2's close encounter with Neptune.

"I will do everything so that my prime minister, my child, our child, will pass the test before society." — Solidarity leader Lach Walesa in support of new Polish Premier Tadeusz Mazowiecki.

"I was rusty. I paid the price for taking six weeks off after Wimbledon." — But I still thought I could win the match." — Chris Evert, said after she suffered an upset by Australian Anne Minter in the Canadian Open.

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# Hoffman urges novices to beat system

DUSTIN HOFFMAN says young actors should do whatever they must to beat the system and find work, even if that means pestering celebrities like himself.

The star had warm praise Wednesday for Neal Foster, 23, the fledgling actor who dragged Hoffman into his campaign to raise enough money to put on a play.

"If you know that no one cares and that the odds are you're not going to work, then you have to beat

the system. Now this guy's beating the system," Hoffman said in a public interview conducted by Foster before a capacity audience at the Playhouse Theatre.

"You have to find a way to act he's finding a way to act," said Hoffman, who is appearing on London's West End through Sept 23 in Shakespeare's 'The Merchant of Venice'.

"You cannot get a job by doing what everyone else does," Hoffman said.

The Oscar-winning star is Foster's biggest catch yet in an ongoing series of celebrity interviews he is conducting to finance a staging of Anton Chekhov's classic, 'The Sea Gull'.

Foster, a 1989 graduate of the Bristol Old Vic Theatre school, wants to appear in and produce the classic play next April at the Birmingham's Repertory Theatre in the English Midlands.

Foster approached Hoffman at the stage door of 'Merchant' on June 21 to enlist his help, and

Hoffman agreed. The almost two-hour interview sold out the 725-seat playhouse and contributed £3,300 (about \$5,180) toward the £15,000 (\$23,500) needed to stage the play, Foster said.

To date, Foster has raised more than £13,000 (\$20,400). He said he should reach his desired total when he holds his next interview — with Jack Lemmon on Sept 20.

The occasion found a bearded, casually dressed Hoffman in expansive and gregarious form, as he

discussed topics ranging from family and the price of fame to the rewards and occasional difficulties of the Bard.

"Shakespeare makes you dry. I never dried before," said Hoffman, referring to the term used when actors forget their lines. "You're skating on ice, you're up there, you start feeling good, and suddenly you don't know the next line."

Hoffman's London, and Shakespearean, stage debut received mixed reviews from the critics in

June. The same production, directed by Sir Peter Hall, opens Dec 14 at the 46th Street theatre on Broadway in New York City.

When asked about unfulfilled ambitions, Hoffman quoted the late English actor-knight, Sir Ralph Richardson, who said, "I'd like to learn a little bit more about acting before it's too late."

Despite his success with the celebrity interviews, Foster harbours no ambition to become a journalist. (AP — London).

# ARAB TIMES Variety



## Double handicap

Double arm amputee Jim Taylor watches the ball fly out of sandtrap near the 15th green at Singing Hills Country Club on Aug 23. Taylor was taking part in the 41st annual NAGA Amputee Golf Championship. Taylor lost his arms at the age of 10 after an accident with a 7,300 volt power line.

# Ice construction feasible

CONSTRUCTION in out-of-the way spots under freezing conditions can be a logistical nightmare, so Wilfrid Nixon is hoping to mix sand with water to make ice strong enough for offshore Arctic oil platforms.

Some companies have built drilling platforms of ice, but "adding sand would make it stronger, and you could make the structure quicker because you're adding less water to achieve the same volume," said Nixon, who is studying alluvium-reinforced ice at the University of Iowa.

"I've spoken with some of the engineers at Mobil who do research in the ice area. They think it's a good idea," he said. So did the National Science Foundation, which gave him a \$35,000 grant in November to test his theory.

Clad in sandals and a short-sleeved shirt, Nixon oversees experiments done in 23-degree Fahrenheit (minus 5 Centigrade) temperatures at the Institute of Hydraulic Research lab. He and his associates freeze water and different types and blends of sand into beams and cylinders,

some of them seven feet (more than two metres) long and weighing 1,000 pounds (450 kilograms).

"We've tested 400 beams and anticipate testing another 400 before it's all over," he said.

In the Arctic, sand could be shipped in or dredged from the sea bed and mixed with water from "huge great versions of snow-making machines" used to make the base. A base of sand and ice could weigh about 10 tons (900 kilograms), Nixon said.

Platform bases have been made of steel, concrete and ice. With sand and ice, he said, "a base for a drilling platform could take about 30 days as opposed to 50 days for just the ice. Sixty to 90 days is typically how long it takes to get it constructed with the other materials."

Nixon estimates a company could save \$500,000 with a sand-ice base.

He hopes to test his theories at a reservoir near Iowa City if it's cold enough this winter. (AP Iowa City)

# Solitary run

## Shells keep athletes home

WHEN the Lebanese try to pick a team for an international competition these days, the decision is usually dictated by the rate of falling shells rather than by athletic achievement.

Lebanon's team to the World University Games was reduced to a single sprinter after heavy fighting prevented other hopefuls from making the trip.

"We were planning to bring 16 athletes, but the fighting was so heavy that they could not get out of Lebanon," said Tarek Moussalli, the only Lebanese competitor who made it to Duisburg.

His trip began with a four-hour taxi ride from Beirut to Damascus, a night spent at the airport in the Syrian capital, a flight to Amsterdam, another flight to Frankfurt and yet another connection to Dusseldorf, near Duisburg.

Moussalli, a sprinter who will compete in the 100- and 200-metre dashes, is a veteran of University Games, which are held every two years.

"These are my third and I really wanted to be here because I am 27 and I won't be eligible for the next ones," he told the Associated Press in an interview. University Games are open to athletes up to 28 years of age.

"I have many friends from previous Games and other competitions and this was my first chance to see them again," he said.

Moussalli is a computer science student at the American University of Beirut. The AUB campus has been closed since early March, when the latest round of fighting between Christian forces and Syrian troops began.

In recent weeks, Beirut has endured some of the heaviest artillery duels in the civil war that has wracked the country for 14 years.

"It was very bad last week, just about the time we were planning to leave," Moussalli said Wednesday.

He said the team originally had planned to leave by boat for Cyprus from the Christian port of Jounieh.

But the shelling was so fierce that only three people managed to catch the boat, all of them officials of the team and non-competitors.

"That left me and a woman competitor from West Beirut. But she was afraid of the fighting and she called me to say she wasn't going. So I decided to try to make it on my own," Moussalli said.

Moussalli lives in a Muslim-controlled West Beirut on the once-fashionable Hamra street. He said he couldn't cross the Green Line that separates West Beirut from the Christian-dominated East Beirut.

"Shells were falling everywhere. But then there was a lull on Saturday morning and I took the taxi to Damascus," he said.

There are more problems for aspiring Lebanese athletes.

Moussalli said he and the three team officials, all in their 20s, had to pay for their own travel, all other expenses and even their own team uniforms — jeans, striped shirts and beige linen jackets, emblazoned with Lebanon's red-and-white flag with a cedar.

"When we ask for money from the government, they tell us it's not the time for such trips. So many people lost their homes. That's where the money is needed. And we understand that."

"But we are enthusiasts. We want to compete, to set our personal bests and we want to meet other students."

"And no one comes to Lebanon these days so we have to try to travel."

Moussalli still cherishes memories of past competitions, but his meeting with Carl Lewis sticks out. The Lebanese said he once ran in the same heat as Lewis in a meet in Seoul, South Korea, in 1985.

"I ran my personal best of 10.82 seconds in the 100 and I met Carl. I will never forget that trip. It was great."

There is still opportunity for Moussalli and his friends to train.

## Captive breeding works

# Oryx returns

HERDS of white oryx, a rare breed of desert antelope, once again roam the stony plateau of central Oman, the result of a last-minute effort against extinction.

The sultanate launched the white oryx project in 1979 to reintroduce the animal to its native habitat in Arabia.

The 10th anniversary of the project passed without ceremony here in the south Arabian desert. But the desert tribesmen who watch over the herds say proudly: "The oryx have come back."

"They seem to have settled in well. We are delighted with the way in which the project is proceeding," said the Omani government's Muscat-based conservation adviser, British expatriate Ralph Daly. "Rains in March and June this year have provided especially good grazing."

The oryx's comeback was cited this week by the World Conservation Union's species survival commission, meeting in Rome.

"This is the flagship example of a dramatic species saved from extinction by captive breeding," said Ulysses S. Seal, a professor at the University of Minnesota and chairman of the union's captive breeding group.

The last free-ranging white oryx (oryx leucoryx) were hunted and killed here in 1972 by a raiding party from outside Oman.

But the decline in oryx numbers already was becoming apparent a decade earlier, and a group of international conservation organisations had banded together to preserve the species.

In 1962, three animals were captured in southern Arabia and joined other oryx already in captivity. A herd was formed for breeding at the Phoenix Zoo in Arizona in the United States. The objective was to safeguard the species for eventual reintroduction to its native lands.

The area of Jiddat Al Harasis, 250 miles (400 kilometres) southwest of Muscat, was chosen because it provided an environment in which oryx were once known to thrive. Its vegetation, fed by sea-blown mists, provides the diversity of nourishment the animals need.

In addition, the conservation-minded Harasis tribe favoured the plan and volunteered to act as range wardens.

The initial introduction of oryx to a new habitat starts at the project base camp inside a one-square-kilometre (0.4-square-m-



Oryx saved

ile) enclosure, where the animals not only get to know the climate and vegetation of the Jiddat, but also each other.

"They develop a linear dominance hierarchy in which each animal knows its place in the herd and how to interact with the others," Daly said. "Once this phase has been realised, the gates are opened and the animals begin to explore, together, the larger desert."

To date, 72 oryx have been released into the wild — 40 males and 32 females. The base camp tracks them using solar-powered radio collars, in addition to the keen eyes of the 28 Harasis rangers who radio the animals' locations and report on their condition.

The white oryx can survive under harsh desert conditions because they can go for long periods without drinking water, surviving only on dew and mists.

Their white coats help keep them cool, and make them virtually invisible against the desert

background as they rest in tree shade in the heat of the day.

Their strong legs and large hooves enable them to move great distances at an even pace over difficult terrain in search of grazing and water.

Here in the Jiddat, where they graze over a range of some 2,500 square kilometres (1,000 square miles), oryx are known to have travelled 75 kilometres (45 miles) in a period of 12 hours at night and have survived for 11 months without drinking water.

They have an expected lifespan in the wild of some 15 to 20 years. In good years, females can produce a calf an average of once a year. Oryx weigh three to five kilograms (seven to 12 pounds) at birth and reach 60 to 80 kilograms (132 to 176 pounds) as adults.

New animals continue to be brought from the United States. The latest arrivals in January, bred in the San Diego zoo, were descendants of oryx captured in Arabia. (AP)



# Ageing brains

# Nudity taboo in space

## 'Sounds of Earth' goes out to aliens



A view of the clouds in Neptune's atmosphere was made by Voyager 2's narrow angle camera from a distance of 6.1 kilometres. Scientists have found that strong eastward winds up to 400 mph cause the small dark spot with white centre (lower left) to overtake the dark spot (centre) every five days. (Reuter wirephoto)

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# Lost children of Ethiopia disclose a sister

ADDISABABA, Aug 25 (AP): Two siblings, thought to be the legendary lost white children of Ethiopia, have revealed the existence of a sister.

The three appeared together for the first time last week at the US embassy for an interview with Consul Richard Adams in an attempt to find their parents.

Meanwhile, a representative of the International Rescue Committee, a voluntary, non-partisan agency that resettles, rehabilitates and assists refugees, arrived in Ethiopia's capital to try to take all three youngsters to the United States.

"We are prepared to arrange transportation, care and education for them in the

states," said Ron Laytner, an author and freelance journalist from Florida.

Laytner and Adams acknowledged that could be difficult. Haile Mariam Gadesa and his sisters, Tegest and Lesa, are considered to be Ethiopian nationals, at least for now.

Haile Mariam and Tegest first came to the attention of US officials when they were brought to the embassy by an Ethiopian friend in June.

In their initial interview with then-consul Carol Rose, who retired from the Foreign Service earlier this month, they made no mention of their sister Lesa. They say they feared for her safety.

But in their interview with the new consul,

the three haltingly told essentially the same story that Haile Mariam and Tegest related through an interpreter to Mrs Rose.

It is a tale of being taken from a white family some 29 years ago by their Ethiopian housekeeper to live with his sister and brother-in-law, a couple of the Oromo tribe who raised them as natives.

It was Adams' first chance to meet and talk with any of the three, all thought to be in their early 20s. An Associated Press reporter was allowed to sit in on the two-hour interview.

None of the youngsters has a clear recollection of their real parents, but they spoke for the first time of seeing a photo album in the mud and grass-thatched hut that became their

home.

The album, they said, contained pictures showing them as small children with their white parents. Haile Mariam said the photos were destroyed in a fire that razed their foster parents' home years ago.

The three are not sure why they were taken to live with the tribal couple but believe their father became ill and had to be evacuated from Ethiopia, accompanied by their mother.

The story of two lost white children is a legendary one in Ethiopia, known by many people and told in many variations. Most tell of a kidnapping.

Rose, Adams and others think the story may have been kept alive by occasional sightings of Haile Mariam and Lesa, who were raised together by the Oromo couple.

But the embassy has been unable to find any record of the youngsters or their parents, although Adams said a few vague clues have come to light since their story was told publicly earlier this month in an AP story distributed world-wide.

Adams and an Ethiopian attorney hired by the embassy are trying to track down those clues. One, Adams said, was a tip in a letter mailed from Addis Ababa that the father had been a chemist at a local brewery.

The AP article also brought some donations of cash and cheques and many more offers of help for the youngsters, both to the

embassy and to AP's New York headquarters.

The Oromo woman who raised the three says they were brought to her and her husband by her brother, who died shortly afterwards. She denied they had been kidnapped, but was vague about her brother's motives.

"They were beautiful children, very white," she told reporters through an interpreter at her farm about 50 miles (80 kilometres) outside the capital.

Adams' interview of the three young people, who tell of a lifetime of physical abuse and mistreatment by their foster father and other villagers because of their appearance, broke off when they became agitated.

## Mirror to cool earth

Action against global warming

### New 'cold war'

WASHINGTON, Aug 25 (UPI): Gigantic orbiting mirrors may offer a solution — albeit a very costly one — to earth's anticipated woes with global warming if pollution control efforts fail, a Swiss scientist said.

In a letter published in the British journal *Nature*, Walter Seifritz said he thinks it is unlikely humans will do much in the near future to reduce pollution that threatens to boost the planet's temperature.

Carbon dioxide and other gases generated by fuel consumption and burning of tropical forests warm earth's atmosphere by trapping solar heat like a greenhouse.

Many scientists predict if current pollution trends continue, earth's temperature could rise four to nine degrees over the next 70 years. Such an increase would cause a marked rise in sea levels and dramatic climate changes.

If efforts to cut emission of so-called greenhouse gases fail and serious global warming occurs, Seifritz contends "a remote but feasible possibility" would be to lower temperatures by artificially blocking the amount of sunlight reaching earth.

"To compensate for a temperature increase of 2.5 degrees Kelvin (4.5 degrees Fahrenheit or 15°C), the solar radiation must be reduced by about 3.5 per cent. The task could be done by satellites bearing large, lightweight mirrors," wrote the professor from Switzerland's Schurrer Institute.

Under Seifritz's unusual plan, a satellite bearing 45 million tons of aluminium mirrors would be stationed at a point where it will always stand between the earth and sun. The position — which astronomers call a Lagrange point — is 900,000 miles (1,450,000 km) from earth.

The gargantuan 20-year effort would cost six per cent of the gross national product of the world per year, which is "roughly equivalent to its total annual

SUDANCE, Utah, Aug 25 (AP): Soviet and US scientists say a new kind of cold war is needed, this time to unite the two superpowers in a fight to cool down global warming.

Soviet scientist Roald Sagdeev recalled yesterday a warning he gave a Soviet audience. "I suggested that the issue of environmental survival should be elevated to the level of nuclear survival."

Sagdeev was among 11 Soviets and more than 80 Americans, including astronomer Carl Sagan and US Sen Bill Bradley, participating in a four-day symposium dubbed "greenhouse glasnost" by its co-sponsors, the Soviet Academy of Sciences and the Institute for Resource Management, founded by actor-filmmaker Robert Redford.

Scientists agree, Redford said, that man-made pollutants are raising global temperatures. "We have to get past this business of hearing the phrase, 'we need more study,'" Redford said. "We must act."

The United States and Soviet Union are the world's biggest producers of carbon dioxide and chloro-fluorocarbons, gases that trap solar heat in a process called the "greenhouse effect."

Redford said the two nations must take the lead in reversing the warming trend, which some researchers contend could alter worldwide weather patterns, melt the polar ice caps, and flood coastal regions.

Developing nations are fast catching up with the superpowers in producing pollutants. "You can't tell these Third World countries, please don't do what we did," Sagan said. "The United States and Soviet Union have to come in with economically feasible alternatives."

military expenditure," Seifritz wrote.

James Hansen, director of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Goddard Institute for Space Studies, said Seifritz's proposed venture may sound like science fiction, but it is not totally absurd.

"Sure, it would cool the earth if it reduces the amount of sunlight coming in," Hansen said. "There is no reason it is not possible."

Hansen added orbiting mirrors might be less expensive than Seifritz projects, noting his calculations show a two per cent reduction in sunlight would be sufficient to offset a temperature increase caused by a doubling of carbon dioxide.

Seifritz said there are a few potential drawbacks to his far-out scenario. Due to the satellite's relatively "unstable position," Seifritz said it could be difficult to get it back in proper

## Watch out, America, glasnost is coming

NEW YORK, Aug 25 (Reuters): The T-shirt world, currently ruled by such icons as Batman and Ghostbusters, is making room for Moscow State University and other emblems of glasnost.

Along with loaves of Russian black bread flown in daily by Aeroflot, board games with names like "Russian roulette," and assorted gadgets adorned with hammers and sickles, are an array of T-shirts, sweatshirts and jackets with Soviet motifs.

They are sold through mail order catalogues, university bookstores, city news stands, even a Greenwich village eatery transformed from the "Last Licks" ice cream parlour to the "Glasnost Cafe."

The latest addition to glasnost chic is honest-to-goodness Moscow State University (MSU) clothing, which began hitting American stores this month.

T-shirts and other paraphernalia from American colleges have long been popular in Moscow and other foreign cities. Now, thanks to glasnost, Americans can wear clothing bearing the insignia of MSU — the alma mater of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and his wife Raisa.

"We think this is hot," said Rand Marlis, President of creative licensing, the California agency that arranged the unprecedented consumer licensing agreement between US firms and the Soviet agency Licensintorg.

Under the agreement, part of the money goes to MSU. No specific use for the funds has been announced, although international student exchanges or other educational projects are definite possibilities, Marlis said.

Except for English translations along with the authentic Cyrillic lettering, the multi-coloured garments are exact replicas of those on sale in Moscow.

"I have a teen-age son and he and his friends went crazy over the (MSU) samples," said Dena Axelrod, President of Fomstaff N.Y., a garment manufacturer that handles "Batman" and "Ghostbuster" products and is producing the MSU line.

"There is interest in the Soviet Union and interest in Soviet products," said Marlis, who had previously worked on product lines linked to such films as "Robocop" and "Platoon."

Judging from the number of advertisements in upmarket of political magazines ranging from the New Yorker to Rolling Stone, a number of firms has reached a similar conclusion.

San Francisco-based thinkpiece advises Brass Lapel Pins of crossed Soviet and US flags. Gorbachev and President Reagan wore similar pins at their last summit.

The other leading brand, which gives a Maryland postal box in its advertisements, sells "Russian roulette" — "the board game that puts you in the Kremlin power picture."

Russian dressing, a New York-based mail order firm founded last March, has a catalogue of about 100 items, half produced in the Soviet Union. Russian dressing staffers predict sales of about \$200,000 in its first year.



The audience floats in inner tubes at the dive-in movie at Raging Waters theme park.

## Amphitheatre afloat

'Dive-in' movie makes big splash

THE audience floats in rubber inner tubes and the ushers are lifeguards.

Welcome to the one-of-a-kind outdoor aquatic theatre or, to put it simply the dive-in movie — a new Hollywood attraction that is making a big splash at southern California's Raging Waters theme park.

"It's great because it's in the water, it's dark and it's like a drive-in," enthused Chris Smith, a nine-year-old marine moviegoer at a recent screening of the classic 1949 version of "Treasure Island."

The dive-in movie is now in its second season at the 18 hectare (44 acres) theme park about 48 km (30 miles) east of Los Angeles. During the summer, performances are held every Friday night and have so far included "Creature from the Black Lagoon" in 3-D, "Jaws" and "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea."

The idea originated at a Raging Waters staff party.

"We are looking for something to do for the employees," recalled General Manager Kent Lemasters. "We thought it would be fun to go

to a drive-in. Then somebody said, 'Why not have a dive-in?'"

Raging Waters is blessed with a ready-made location. Along with such attractions as Typhoon Beach and the Bermuda Triangle, the park boasts a 60 metre (190 foot) wave pool in which bathers clinging to inner tubes are jostled by ocean-like waves.

With a big screen set up at one end and situated in a ravine, the pool forms a natural amphitheatre.

The dive-in was such a success with employees that when Raging Waters marketing staff were thinking of a way to give additional value to customers, the solution was obvious.

"We wanted something to give people so they get more value for their money," Lemasters said.

Dive-in admission is included in the regular park entrance fee.

Lemasters estimates Friday evening attendance at the park has been boosted 25 per cent, with up to 500 people crowding the wave pool or lounging on an artificial beach.

"For some people it's kind of the hip thing to do," Lemasters said. "It's a social thing."

At the "Treasure Island" performance, in fact, socialising, not film appreciation, seemed to be the main pursuit of many in the audience.

Bobbing around in inner tubes may not be as easy for lovestruck teenagers as sitting in the family Chevrolet at a drive-in but some relished the challenge.

But some of the younger moviegoers complained about the general boisterousness.

One youngster amused himself at a screening of "Jaws" by impersonating the monstrous shark of the title. "He was swimming underwater and scared a lot of people," said park spokeswoman Christie Karimi. "He'd look up and see who he could pinch."

But parents at the dive-in seemed to think it was all good clean fun.

"I think it's great because you're not stuck in a car," said one mother who had travelled to the park with her family from San Diego. "It's family-oriented and they're wholesome movies." (Reuters — San Dimas)



### Back to school

It's back-to-school time in Switzerland and one of the first lessons is how to cross the street. A policeman held a class in the village of Zuffikon near Zurich teaching kids to look both ways, thrust out their arm and march quickly across a road. (Reuters wirephoto)

## You gambler, you are sick

CHICAGO, Aug 25 (AP): Compulsive gamblers have disturbances in their central nervous systems that may partly emerge in their personality, particularly in their tendency to be risk takers and sensation seekers, a study says.

But experts in treating compulsive gamblers said the study cannot answer the question of whether the altered chemical activity is a cause or a result of gambling, or whether it might characterise all hooked gamblers.

The study found that high levels of certain chemical reactions in the nervous systems of 17 compulsive gamblers were associated with high scores for "extraversion" on a written personality test.

"Extraversion" is a psychiatric term for the tendency to be outgoing, physically and socially active and to

take risks, psychiatrists say.

The researchers, who reported their findings in the August issue of the *American Medical Association's Archives of General Psychiatry*, said the chemicals they studied are important in the phenomenon of physical arousal.

Physical arousal, previous research suggests, may be both a major reinforcer and maintaining factor in pathological gambling, said the study, conducted at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, Maryland.

Researchers looked at chemicals taken from blood, urine and spinal fluid that indicated activity in the body's noradrenergic system, which governs such diverse processes as the functioning of organs and communications between nerve cells in the brain.

Subjects were men who had met the psychiatric definition of compulsive gamblers and who participated as outpatients at an NIH research unit in Bethesda, said the authors of the study, led by Dr Alec Roy.

"What's most important about the article is that people are beginning to realise that compulsive gambling is an illness, which is something I don't think Peter Rose is ready to admit," said Dr Paul Fink, medical director of the Philadelphia Psychiatric Centre.

Rose, manager of the Cincinnati Reds, was banned from major-league baseball for life yesterday for betting on his own team — allegations that Rose denies.

But Fink, immediate past president of the American Psychiatric Association, cautioned that the study couldn't say whether the

chemical activity preceded the gambling or followed it.

And he said the small sample of subjects did not justify generalisations about all compulsive gamblers.

Durand Jacobs, a research psychologist and a board member of the National Council on Compulsive Gambling, said his own theory on addictions, based on 30 years of research, is that regardless of biological conditions, "all addicts have had a childhood where they've been subject to experiences that make them feel inferior... They feel inadequate, and no matter what they do it's never enough."

Dr Richard Rosenthal, a psychiatrist at the University of California at Los Angeles, said he has found a close association between compulsive gambling and outstanding athletes.

## Islamic centre in Madrid

Spanish link between Europe and the Orient

MADRID, Aug 25 (Reuters): Once the main Arab outpost in Europe, Spain will next month unveil one of the West's largest Islamic cultural centres, a personal gift from King Fahd of Saudi Arabia.

A lavish white marble building whose 36-metre (120-foot) high minaret overlooks Madrid's ring motorway, the centre will house a library, exhibition and conference halls, a gymnasium, cafeterias and a three-storey mosque.

The Saudis say it will become an embassy for Islamic culture in a country which despite its history has one of the smallest Muslim communities in Western Europe.

"This building is evidence of what Spain means for the Arab world: The high point of its culture," a Saudi Embassy spokeswoman said.

Pavilions, fountains and pyramid-shaped roofs recall Granada's Alhambra Palace, the most refined example of medieval Moorish architecture in Spain.

Visitors toiling up the minaret's 150 steps emerge into the scorching sun to a splendid view over ochre-tiled roofs and blinding white patios.

King Fahd has given \$12.7 million to build the centre, although the spokeswoman said the final cost, when the Spanish builders hand over the centre to the Saudi ambassador next month, could prove somewhat higher.

It was designed by a team of Polish architects, whose plan was selected by an international jury from some 455 submissions.

A square building covering 16,000 square

metres (19,000 sq yards), half of its six floors are underground and it sits squatly against the east Madrid skyline.

Only a few windows and gates open through the outer walls. The whole building is covered inside and out with marble from Almeria in southern Spain. Only old tiles, bleached by the sun to the pale ochre colour characteristic of Mediterranean countries, have been used for the roofs.

The centre's mosque, with room for 800 faithful, will be the second place of worship for Madrid's 30,000 Muslims who make up about one per cent of the city's population. The other mosque can accommodate 1,000 people.

This is not the first attempt to rebuild the Spanish link between Europe and the Orient. French philosopher Roger Garaudy, a convert to Islam, has set up a permanent exhibition of medieval Arab, Jewish and Christian culture in Cordoba, once the Arab capital of Spain.

But the Saudi Embassy spokeswoman said the new building would be the main centre of Islamic culture in the West.

Moorish Arabs dominated Spain for seven centuries until they were finally expelled in 1492 with the fall of their last bastion, Granada.

Modern Spain, until recently a country of emigrants and still suffering high unemployment despite an economic boom, has not had the influx of migrant workers from Islamic countries experienced by most of its

west European neighbours.

Riay Tattari of the Spanish Muslim Association said there were 150,000 Muslims in Spain, one third of them in the Spanish North African enclaves of Ceuta and Melilla claimed by Morocco.

France has three million Muslims and Britain 1.5 million.

Some of the wealthiest Arabs, including King Fahd and other members of the Saudi royal family, have built palaces on the southern coast of Andalusia, once the Al Andalus centre of Arab domination.

Work in the new Islamic Centre is nearing completion and the centre is hoped to open before the end of this year, Saudi Ambassador Mohamed Nouri Ibrahim said today.

He denied earlier reports by the Spanish media that the centre would be inaugurated next September, explaining that finishing works had yet to be completed and the centre furnished before its opening.

The centre is built at the personal cost of Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz, is built on a 10,465 square metre area atop a hill to the north of Madrid.

Besides, the centre contains seven class rooms which will be used for teaching children the Arabic language, Islamic religion and Spanish at primary grade level. The school is hoped to be elevated to intermediate and secondary levels.

Spain has last month recognised Islam as another faith practised in the country, along with Christianity and Judaism.



By Carlton Stuart

## Graham Young achieves immortality

## Killing for the fame of it

DETECTIVE Chief Superintendent Ronald Harvey stood transfixed in the tiny bed-sitting room of factory foreman Graham Young.

Later, Harvey was to declare: "I had turned the key on a private hell. It was literally a shrine to murder — more specifically, to poison."

"The walls were covered with grotesque drawings of death. There was a plastic shrunken head, a shelf of books about famous killers, poisons, and many other forms of instant death."

"Above all, there were the poisons themselves — boxes, bottles and phials of them."

The detective seized a diary and, equally interesting, two documents which indicated that this same Graham Young had, 10 years before, in 1962, been convicted of poisoning his father, sister and schoolfriend. He had been sent to Broadmoor, the institution for the criminally insane.

And now, in 1972, the police were investigating the deaths of two men, Robert Egle and Frederick Biggs. Both of them had been fellow workers with Young at the photographic instrumentation firm of John Hadland in Bovingdon, Hertfordshire north of London.

Moreover, an epidemic of an unexplained illness known as — "the Bovingdon Bug" — had swept the neighbourhood.

When he was eventually arrested for murder, Graham Young asked a policeman: "Will they put me in Madame Tussauds? After all, I am one of the greatest mass poisoners of history."

They did put him in the museum and he was certainly that — a cruel and ruthless killer who despatched his victims with two deadly poisons.

## Agonising

These were the slow-working thallium which caused agonising abdominal pain and violent disturbances of the brain, and antimony potassium tartrate, a sweet-tasting powder, soluble in water.

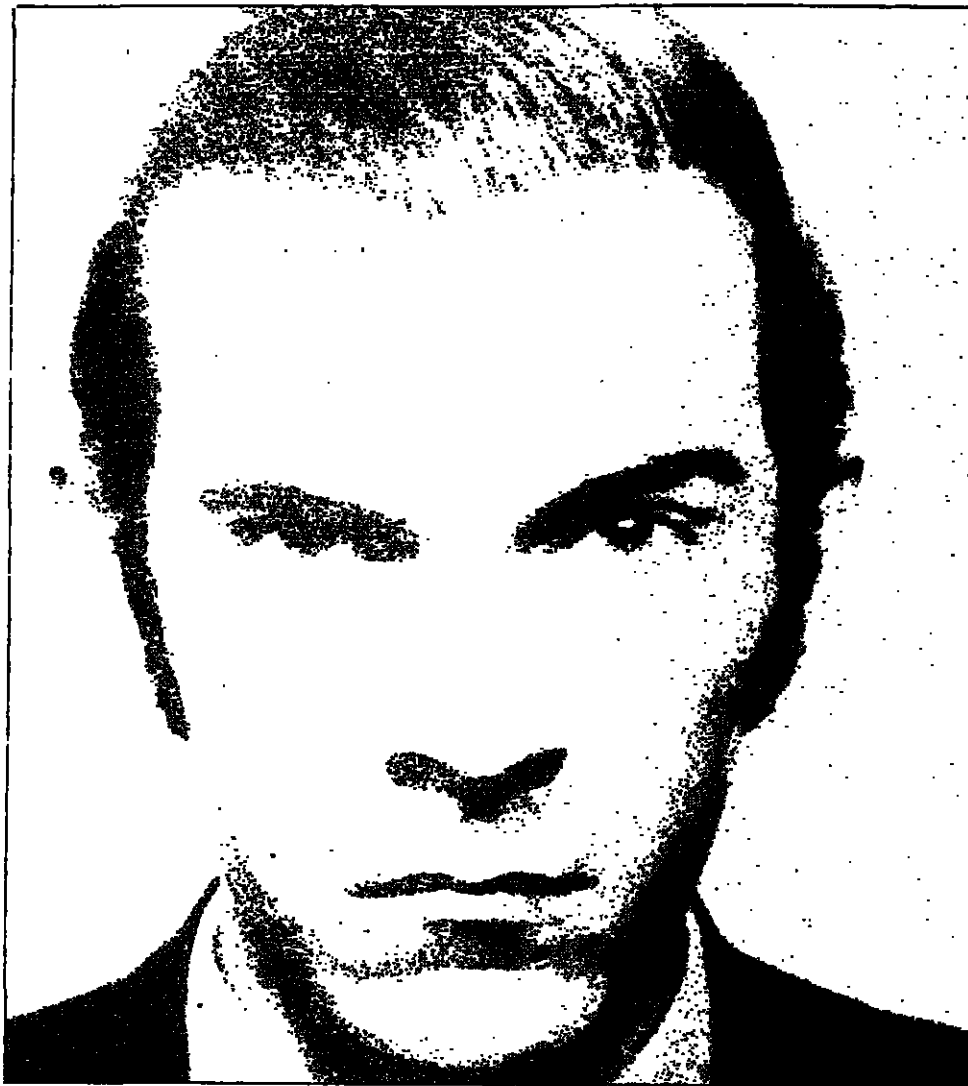
Thallium, used by the ancient Egyptians to poison enemies, is lethal at one gramme — enough to fill a salt spoon. Death, taking around seven days, is a painful process with intense abdominal pain, vomiting and violent headaches.

Antimony poisoning by mouth leads to persistent sickness and weakening of muscles. As with thallium, convulsions occur in the early stages.

Graham Frederick Young had started on his macabre career at the age of 11. A liking for mice and caterpillars was by no means unusual in a small boy — but some of his family noticed that the creatures invariably died after elementary poison experiments by young Graham.

Mild anxiety felt by his father, sister and step-mother (Graham's own mother had died soon after his birth) turned to alarm at the rapidly growing collection of bottles and phials he kept in his bedroom and at the number of pets in the London suburb of Neasden, where the family lived, that seemed to be dying of mysterious ailments.

Nobody spotted Young's true character until it was too late. The discovery was made by his step-mother Mrs Molly Young and she paid for it with her life...



Graham Young's ambition was to achieve immortality by being cast in wax by Madame Tussauds and given the label 'great poisoner'. At just 14, he launched himself on a ruthless trail of death and destruction which ended with him poisoning six people. It earned him a life sentence and a place in the wax cabinet.

Molly came across a bottle of antimony in her step-son's pocket and went at once to the chemist's shop to complain at the selling of such a lethal concoction to a young customer.

She discovered that the studious-looking schoolboy had been quite a regular at the shop. Everyone believed that he was far older than his age and that he needed poison for student experiments. He was signing the poison register "M. Evans."

## Collapse

At barely 13 years old, Young on his own admission started feeding poison to his step-mother.

On April 21, 1962, Molly's death was put

down to collapse of a cervical disc but later Graham readily was to confirm that he had murdered Molly by slipping a fatal dose of thallium (20 grains) into her trifle the night before she died.

Of his hatred for his step-mother there could be no doubt. A drawing was found depicting a grave with spiders, skulls and snakes. Underneath were the scrawled words: "In hateful memory of Molly Young."

Graham's sister, Winnie, was more fortunate. She escaped death when she fed some of her sandwiches to pigeons during a lunch-break from work and saw them flap dead on neighbouring rooftops.



Then his father, Frederick Charles Young, was rushed to hospital in considerable agony. The doctors diagnosed antimony poisoning at just under the fatal dose. Mr Young's life was saved at the expense of a permanently damaged liver.

If the family still refused to believe that Graham was, at 14, a compulsive poisoner, the masters at John Kelly Secondary School had their own suspicions, based on observations of their distinctly odd pupil who actually took poison samples into class.

The police were swiftly informed. Graham Young was more than happy to confess to everything — including the fact that he had

feeding poisoned cream buns to Christopher Williams, one of his classmates.

Graham Young was committed to Broadmoor, along with warnings from psychiatrist and doctors that if he was ever released there could be no doubt that he would begin all over again.

The macabre warnings were ignored... During the nine years and seven months that Young was in Broadmoor he gave the authorities few anxious moments. Above all, he impressed everyone with the depth of his medical knowledge.

Said one doctor: "I really had to be on my toes when he was around. His knowledge of

theoretical medicine was streets ahead of mine."

On his release, Young was sent for rehabilitation to a government training centre and from there he secured a job with Hadlands. His fellow employees were told only that their new £24-a-week storeman had suffered a nervous breakdown.

## Foll

The bosses of Hadlands were informed by the resettlement centre that Young who had "suffered a deep-going personality disorder" had, however, "made an extremely full recovery."

A surge of sympathy greeted the new arrival. Graham's fatherly boss, 60-year-old Bob Egle, was scrupulous in making Graham feel at home, while another colleague, 56-year-old Frederick Biggs, was especially friendly.

Graham Young repaid them with murder: 25 grammes of thallium in their morning coffee which he solicitously collected from the firm's tea trolley.

In addition to the macabre discoveries made at Young's lodgings by Superintendent Harvey, was a large, loose-leaf pad in diary form with entries written in blue ink.

It proved very revealing. When, for example, a female work colleague annoyed him, Young wrote that she "irritated me intensely yesterday, so I packed her off home with an attack of sickness. I only gave her something to shake her up. I now regret I didn't give her a larger dose capable of laying her up for few days."

Of Frederick Biggs, one of his murder victims, Graham wrote: "I have administered a fatal dose of the special compound to him and anticipate a report on his progress on Monday November 1. I gave him three separate doses."

The diary also dealt in considerable detail with minute changes that could occur in the body of each victim as poison doses were increased.

It became obvious from the diary entries that Young was prepared to poison anyone who crossed him, varying thallium — "My favourite substance" — with doses of antimony — "My little friend" — so that no-one would link the sudden spate of illness and death.

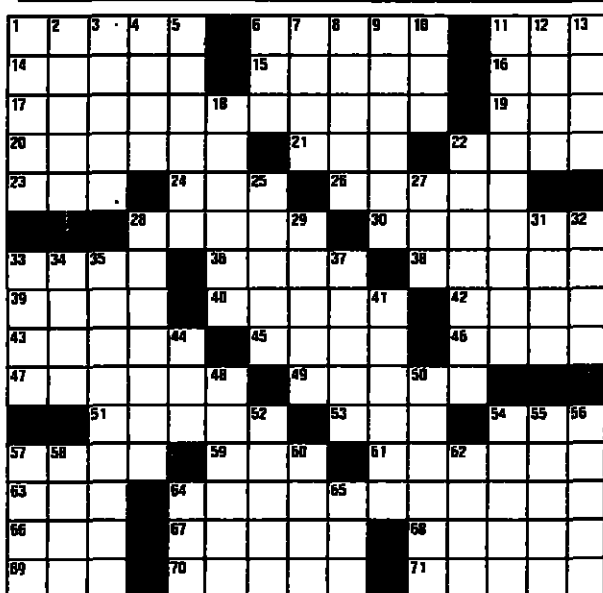
Inevitably, he over-reached himself, stunning everyone with the depth of his knowledge at a staff conference to discuss the "bug." The police were brought in and Superintendent Ronald Harvey paid a visit to Young's lodgings.

At Young's trial, which resulted in a life sentence, the poisoner dressed throughout in black and displayed no emotion whatsoever as he heard, recounted how some people had died and others had suffered.

He spoke calmly and clinically about his use of poisons. One police officer commented: "He obviously enjoyed the whole thing. He was in the limelight again, getting his wish to be remembered as a famous poisoner."

And what of the Graham Young his family knew? A few weeks before his arrest, he confessed to his sister Winnie: "I am lonely and cannot get close to people. You see, there's a terrible coldness inside me."

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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HERES DAMON  
THUG STAPES  
RAE ERODE TAXI  
ATTORNEYGENERAL  
SLAY SEGNO AMO  
HELENA YARD  
RERUN TRAMP  
MEMBERSOFTHEBAR  
AVOID UTAH ABRI  
WAITE ARLO MONS  
SLED LEAR STEM

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
IT CUTS BOTH WAYS

Both vulnerable. South deals.

## NORTH

6 4 2

A 10 7 5

K Q 4

A J 10

WEST

K Q 10 8

9 6 2

9 7 5 2

5 3

EAST

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SOUTH

A J 5

K Q J 4 3

J 6

Q 7 4

## The bidding:

South West North East

1 Pass 3 Pass

4 Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♠

Once upon a time, war might

have been a question of getting there

"fustes" with the "mostes." These

days, there are ways of deflecting an

army from its course.

The bidding was straight out of

an old Goren textbook. North's

jump raise showed the equivalent of

an opening bid with four-card support,

and South had no ambitions beyond game.

After West leads the king of

spades, the defenders are there first. Their attack has targeted on declarer's weak spot. If declarer goes in with the ace, when East gets in with the ace of diamonds, a spade continuation nets the defenders two spade tricks and one trick in each minor suit.

Declarer can blunt the enemy attack by refusing to win the first trick with the ace of spades. Now West cannot profitably continue with a spade, for that will give declarer two tricks in the suit. But shifting the attack to a club costs a tempo, and now declarer has the upper hand.

However, South must be careful not to surrender his advantage to the enemy. To take a finesse would do just that if East holds the king. To keep a step ahead, declarer must rise with the ace of clubs, draw trumps and then force out the ace of diamonds. Now the defenders are helpless. Declarer wins the spade shift with the ace and discards a spade on dummy's high diamond, using a trump as an entry, if necessary. That holds East-West to one trick in each side suit, and the contract is just home.



"Is that the jacket your grandson bought you for your birthday?"

## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



## B.C.

By Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS

<p><b>Aries</b> (March 20 - April 18)</p> <p>You should not hesitate to give credit where credit is due. Try to take more interest in something your partner finds interesting. Avoid a temptation to eat too many sweet things. Be reliable.</p>	<p><b>Cancer</b> (June 21 - July 21)</p> <p>You will have to overcome a tendency to be lethargic. You must beware of taking too much for granted. You will tend to try too hard to your detriment. Be reasonable.</p>	<p><b>Libra</b> (Sept 22 - Oct 22)</p> <p>You will not find it easy to do what has to be done, but you would be quite wrong to try to avoid doing it. Your lucky numbers are 2 and 47. Do make sure you keep expenditures within reasonable limits. Exaggerations are to be avoided. Be reliable.</p>	<p><b>Capricorn</b> (Dec 22 - Jan 19)</p> <p>Something you have learnt with some difficulty will stand you in very good stead just now. You must watch out for mistakes, other people's as well as your own. If you just hope for the best it will not happen. Be moderate.</p>
<p><b>Taurus</b> (April 19 - May 19)</p> <p>Your mood will have its ups and downs and you should try to avoid an argument. Make sure you do not do anything you are not really sure about. Try not to be quite so quick to take offence. Be practical.</p>	<p><b>Leo</b> (July 22 - Aug 21)</p> <p>You should avoid resting on your laurels. However, there is nothing wrong with being pleased with your achievements. You will be able to take things more in your stride. Be moderate.</p>	<p><b>Scorpio</b> (Oct 23 - Nov 21)</p> <p>If you delay too long it will be too late, so beware. Do not just think the world owes you a living; it does not think it does. Avoid going to extremes. Be more patient.</p>	<p><b>Aquarius</b> (Jan 20 - Feb 18)</p> <p>Make sure you do not allow a friendly discussion to turn into a violent argument. Do not say anything you do not really mean. Avoid having secrets from your partner. Be tactful.</p>
<p><b>Gemini</b> (May 20 - June 20)</p> <p>Your mood will have its ups and downs and you should try to keep away from an argument. Do your best to relax. You should not allow yourself to jump to conclusions. Be abstemious.</p>	<p><b>Virgo</b> (Aug 22 - Sept 21)</p> <p>You should not allow appearances to deceive you. Make sure you do not eat too many sweet things, but bear should you starve yourself. You will be able to do something just a little different. Be selective.</p>	<p><b>Sagittarius</b> (Nov 22 - Dec 21)</p> <p>Make sure you do not do anything that a friend might construe as your having let him down. Stick to your principles but do not mistake obstinacy for idealism. A message for which you have been waiting will come — it will not be what you had hoped.</p>	<p><b>Pisces</b> (Feb 19 - March 19)</p> <p>You should not ask for more than you are prepared to give in return. You will be quite lucky but there is a point in relying on luck to get you out of trouble. A change of scene will do you good. Be truthful.</p>



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Kuwait, Egypt to ratify trade accord

CAIRO, Aug 25, (KUNA): The upcoming Kuwaiti-Egyptian economic talks will witness ratification of an agreement for bilateral economic and technical co-operation that would act as the general framework of all protocols and agreements to be signed later on between the two countries, an authorised economist said here yesterday.

The economist, speaking to the Egyptian Middle East news

agency, said the talks, which will be held by the economic delegation accompanying HH the Amir of Kuwait during his visit here due to start on Monday, will also include the signing of an agreement for prevention of tax

He added that other agreements, concerning holding periodicals meetings between Kuwaiti and Egyptian businessmen, establishing joint ventures

in both countries and intensifying contacts between the Egyptian government and the Kuwaiti Fund for Arab Economic Development and among chambers of commerce and industry in the two countries, will be signed.

He said that the trade volume between Kuwait and Egypt is about \$94 million.

Egypt exports to Kuwait fruits, vegetables, tobacco, medicine and books while it

imports from Kuwait electrical appliances and other household equipment that are brought in here by passengers.

He clarified that the discussions will also tackle the possibility of renewing the joint commercial protocol signed between the two countries in 1964 which still governs their trade transactions.

Ways of attracting more Kuwaiti investments in Egypt,

particularly after the signing of the agreement for protection and encouragement of investments in both countries last May, are also to be discussed, the official said.

Kuwaiti investments here, estimated at \$497.6 million are the biggest among other Arab countries' investments in Egypt while Kuwaiti investments in the Egyptian free zones in Cairo, Alexandria, Suez and Port Saeed are about \$177.2 million.

London stocks close at 2-year high

## Dollar becalmed

LONDON, Aug 25, (Reuters): For the third day running, London stocks edged to their highest close for more than two years while the dollar was becalmed in flat trade.

The prospect of a long-week-end in Britain — Monday is a public holiday — kept activity in London's financial markets to a minimum also dulled business in other European centres, dealers said.

"It's desperately quiet," said one London currency dealer. But the Financial Times-Stock Exchange index of 100 leading blue chips edged up 4.3 points to close at 2,397.4.

Once again it breached the psychological 2,400 barrier during the day but gave up its gains shortly before the close.

"This market can't make its

mind up about where to go," one dealer said.

The "Footsie" is now at its highest since July 20, 1987, and is advancing steadily towards the all-time record closing high of 2,443.4 set on July 16, 1987, three months before the Black Monday crash of world stock markets in October that year.

The impetus for the rise in share values in several European markets came mainly from a surge in the previous session on Wall Street where the Dow Jones industrial average ended 56.53 points higher at 2,734.64.

By midday in New York today the Dow was up 4.55 at 2,739.19.

Italian shares hit a 1989 closing high in Milan in brisk demand from foreign and domestic investors, brokers said.

The Milan bourse's MTB

index, which has risen more than 23 per cent this year, ended at 1,231, up 1.15 per cent on the day.

In Frankfurt, the 30-Share DAX index closed 12.34 points or 0.8 per cent higher at 1,604.38, just 15 points below the 1989 high of 1,619.26.

"The market's mood is basically very good and we could still go higher this summer," one Frankfurt share trader said.

Earlier, in Asian trading, Tokyo's Nikkei Average lost 46.62 points to close at 34,739.93 in slack business.

The dollar closed in London at 1.9570 West German marks and 143.53 Japanese yen after ending Thursday at 1.9574 and 143.40.

Gold bullion eased to close in London at \$360.25 an ounce after a previous finish of \$362.50

### Energy File

## Head of Swiss oil firm loses appeal

BERNE, Aug 25, (Reuters): The head of a Swiss oil company wanted by West German authorities in connection with losses at trading group Kloeckner has lost his appeal against extradition, the Justice Ministry said today.

Lebanese-born Khalil Ghattas, president of Gatoil (Suisse) SA, will be sent to West Germany in the next few days, ministry spokesman Joerg Kistler said.

Ghattas, who is wanted in West Germany on charges of conducting improper business practices in the prejudice of Kloeckner and Co AG, has been held at a Geneva prison since being arrested on March 21 at the request of German authorities.

He appealed to the Swiss Supreme Court, which rejected his appeal today.

Kistler said Ghattas could still appeal to the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, but his extradition would not be held up and he would have to make representations from West Germany.

Kloeckner has reported it lost 661 million marks (\$337 million) in oil trading last year.

Deutsche Bank AG, West Germany's biggest bank, bailed out Kloeckner with an injection of 400 million marks (\$205 million) and is now sole owner.

### Oil surges

NEW YORK, Aug 25, (OPECNA): The United Arab Emirates' Dubai Light, the main Middle East crude, rose 24 cents to \$15.37 a barrel in Middle East trading yesterday, spurred by large purchases from Indian buyers.

Quoted by news agency reports, John Shepherd, a foreign crude specialist with the Houston-based Transworld Oil Incorporated, said there was "quite a bit of interest in October (delivery) Dubai."

### Oil imports plunge

TOKYO, Aug 25, (UPI): Japan's crude oil imports in July plunged 28.4 per cent from a year ago to 98.06 million barrels (15.74 million kl), the Ministry of International Trade and Industry said in a preliminary report yesterday.

"We see the fall largely as a reaction to unusually heavy imports in July last year," said a ministry official, adding: "In view of the recent trend, the level of July imports is not low at all."

### Special dividend

NEW YORK, Aug 25, (KUNA): Texaco Inc, America's third-largest oil company, declared yesterday a special \$1 billion dividend to its shareholders as a result of the massive selloff of companies to meet court-ordered payments in its fight with Pennzoil Co.

Texaco raised \$7 billion by the sale in 1988 and earlier this year of subsidiaries in West Germany and Canada and selling Saudi Arabia its 50 per cent interest in a joint venture of three refineries in Saudi Arabia and marketing operations on the East Coast of the United States.

### Oil exports

CARACAS, Aug 25, (OPECNA): Venezuelan oil exports will earn \$8.4 billion this year, rising to about \$13 billion by 1995, according to a study by the country's office of economic planning, Cordiplan.

In a report published here yesterday, the office observes that oil prices had stabilised last year and the trend for the future would be a rise from the \$15 per barrel mark already achieved by Venezuelan crudes this year, to \$18 by 1995.

OPEC committee to review long-term strategy

## Oil market stability vital, says Subroto

VIENNA, Aug 25, (OPECNA): The eight-member OPEC monitoring committee will meet in Geneva on September 23 to review the oil market situation, it was announced here today.

The organisation's five other member countries, who are not members of the committee, are invited to attend the meeting, which is not empowered to take decisions.

OPEC secretary-general Dr Subroto explained to OPECNA: "This meeting would first have to be turned into a consultative session, with all 13 member countries participating, for discussions to be held, and then into an extraordinary meeting if decisions are to be taken."

The monitoring committee has a mandate by the conference to review the oil market, and, if warranted by crude demand, to raise the production ceiling from the current 19.5 million BPD to 20 million BPD, or any other agreed level, starting from October 1, 1989.

It will also consider and prepare a long-term strategy, including the allocation of permanent production quotas for member countries, in addition to a restructuring of the organisation's secretariat.

Comprising the energy and oil ministers of Algeria, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela, the committee is also responsible for continuing the dialogue with non-OPEC oil producing/exporting countries with a view to securing their co-operation in support of market stability.

The committee's observations and recommendations will be presented to the full ministerial conference.

Subroto has said that most OPEC member countries depend heavily on oil revenues in financing their development.



Subroto

"This has made stability in the world oil market their most important preoccupation," he pronounced.

He said their "philosophy and strategy are geared towards such stability capable of securing ample supplies to the consumers at the right time and at the right price and at the same time ensuring themselves of steady revenue."

In an exclusive interview with OPECNA today, Dr Subroto gave an assurance to skeptical analysts that the possibility of a global oil crisis similar to that of 1973 and 1979 is nowhere in sight.

He said the previous crisis situations were the result of certain "exogenous factors," which

included the oil embargo and the Gulf conflict. "We cannot, of course, forecast what will happen in the near future, but barring any major political flare-up powerful enough to have an impact on the global oil supply, I do not foresee any crisis situation... because the conditions are now different."

Commenting on the American Petroleum Institute (API) report on oil imports providing more than half US domestic demand for the month of July, for the first time in 12 years, the secretary-general attributed this to the relatively low oil prices prevailing in the world market, adding that another factor was the fall in US domestic production.

He said the build-up of strategic reserves at huge costs to

combat possible scarcity, was "unnecessary and economically unwise" as prospects for a steady supply are certain.

"What is necessary for producers and consumers alike, is to co-operate to prevent roller-coaster behaviour of prices as in the past through opening up to one another, exchange of ideas and other forms of co-operation that are mutually benefiting," he said.

Crude oil supply by 12 of the 13 OPEC member countries in July totalled 18.459 million BPD, the organisation's secretariat announced here today.

It disclosed that the combined supply quota for the 12 member states stood at 18.459 million BPD, "making a net over-supply above quota of 242,000 BPD" for the month.

The announcement stressed that this figure "represents 120,000 BPD below the over-supply figure of 362,000 BPD recorded in June."

Figures from the United Arab Emirates, which has an OPEC quota of 1.041 million BPD, were not available at the time of compilation.

## Gas projects to earn \$24b

New policy to attract investors

LAGOS, Aug 25, (Reuters): Nigerian Oil Minister Rilwanu Lukman says the country, a major oil producer, can expect to earn \$24 billion from two major projects exploiting reserves of natural gas.

"Gas has come to assume a strategic role in the development of our economy," said Lukman in a speech prepared for a conference of petroleum engineers which entered its second day yesterday.

The billion dollar OSO condensate project, a joint venture between the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) and Mobil Producing Nigeria Ltd, is due to start producing in 1991.

Financed with help from the World Bank affiliate International Finance Corporation, OSO aims to develop three major fields to produce 100,000 barrels per day (BPD) of condensate, more than doubling current Nigerian output.



Rilwanu Lukman

Crude oil output capacity is almost 1.9 million BPD.

Its production ceiling set by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), of which Lukman is president, is 1.428 million BPD.

Condensate, a gaseous

hydrocarbon marketed as a very light type of crude oil, can be produced over an above the OPEC quota.

"(OSO) will generate about \$12 billion over the life of the project," said Lukman.

He said final bids for the work has been submitted and were being analysed.

Nigeria's biggest energy plan, being prepared jointly with Shell, Agip and ELF, envisages exporting 4.6 million tonnes of natural gas each year in liquefied form to Europe and the US.

Lukman put capital costs at around \$2.4 billion for the project which he said would also generate about \$12 billion of revenue during its life.

The first cargo should be shipped in January 1995.

He said his ministry had virtually finished a new gas policy intended to attract private investors, domestic and foreign, to Nigeria's natural and petroleum gas industries.

State monopoly comes to an end

## Spain awards private TV channels

MADRID, Aug 25, (Reuters): Spain's state monopoly on television ended today when the government awarded three lucrative private channels to groups including France's Canal Plus and Italian tycoon Silvio Berlusconi.

Government spokeswoman Rosa Conde said the cabinet granted the 10-year renewable concessions to Castelevision Telecinco, a group backed by Berlusconi, Sociedad de Television Canal Plus Espana and Spanish group, Antena 3 de Television.

Five groups had contested the three channels, which must start broadcasting within six months. Univision Canal Uno SA, backed by Australian-born press magnate Rupert Murdoch, and Spanish group Television Canal C were rejected.

Conde said the cabinet's decision, taken only four days before the deadline set by a 1987 law allowing private television, was made after "a tough, serious

and fair debate."

She said the cabinet picked the groups which best guaranteed free expression and diversity of ideas, could offer a wider selection of Spanish and European-produced programmes and were financially strongest.

The decision ended a state monopoly on the most popular medium in Spain, which dates back to General Francisco Franco.

Until now, Spain had two government-controlled national channels, a series of regional channels run by local governments and satellite television beamed from abroad.

Government surveys show 87 per cent of Spain's 39 million people watch television daily and up to 70 per cent rely on its news to form political views in a country which has one of the lowest newspaper readerships in Western Europe.



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### EXCHANGE RATE

Indian rupee	18.080
Sri Lankan rupee	8.300
Pakistani rupee	14.320
Bangladesh taka	9.200
US dollar	29950
Pound sterling	46900
Deutsche mark	15260
UAE dirham	08160
Japanese yen	002093



## WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 1989

LONDON  
(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	412/0
ABBIE NAT	149.0	
ADT LTD	199.8	
ALD LYONS	547.0	
AMSTRAD	71.0	
ARGYL GP	246.0	
ASDA GP	197.0	
BAA	366.0	
BTR	474.0	
BAT INDS	853.0	
BARCLAYS	557.0	
BASS	584.0	
BEAZER	169.0	
BERISFORD	163.0	
BET ORD	317.0	
BICC PLC	551.0	
BLUE ARROW	112.0	
BLUE CIRC	250.0	
BOD GP	533.0	
BOOTS CO	302.0	
BPB INDS	247.0	
BR CONW	169.0	
BR AIRWAY	203.0	
BR AEROSP	687.0	
BR GAS RG	207.0	
BR LAND	384.0	
B.P.	305.5	
BR STEEL	77.92	
BR TELCOM	260.0	
BUNZL	150.0	
BURMAN OL	654.0	
BURTON	260.0	
CABLEWIR	588.0	
CALOR GRP	431.0	
CRITN R.T	898.0	
COOKSONS	377.0	
COURTAULD	309.0	
DALGETY	413.0	
ENIC CHINA	463.0	
ENTER OIL	580.0	
FKI PLC	127.0	
FERRANTI	73.0	
FISONS	348.0	
GATEWAY	235.0	
GEN ACCIO	538.0	
GEN ELEC	66.23	
GLAXO	568.0	
GLOBE	359.0	
GLYNED	316.0	
GKN	466.0	
GUINNESS	585.0	
HMMERS A	791.0	
HANSON	229.0	
HANSON VT	54.0	
HARRIS C	176.0	
HUKER SID	745.0	
HILLSDOWN	314.0	
INCHCAPE	291.0	

LONDON  
(Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
2ND ALLCE	036/0	034/0
600 GROUP	133/0	134/0
A.AMER TS	502/0	503/0
A.S.W.HLD	278/0	279/0
AAB KENT	128/0	128/0
AAN HLD	401/0	403/0
AARONSON	87/0	88/0
ADDISON	38/0	37/0
ADVEST	198/0	198/0
ALEX WRK	236/0	236/0
ALEXON	422/0	423/0
ALD COLL	180/4	182/0
ALD IR B	170/0	171/0
ALD LON	151/0	151/0
ALD PART	75/4	76/0
ALD TEXT	387/0	386/0
ALLIANCE	170/0	175/0
AMBER DAY	66/2	66/0
AMEC	468/0	468/0
AMER TST	174/0	175/4
AMERSHAM	470/0	472/0
AMI HLTHC	407/0	407/0
ANGLIA TV	123/0	123/0
ANGLIA TV	300/0	299/0
APPLYARD	75/0	76/0
APV PLC	141/0	141/0
ATTWOODS	493/0	493/0
AUTO REED	415/0	415/0
AUTO SECS	276/0	276/0
AVESCO	143/0	143/0
AVIS EUR	560/0	560/0
AVON RUBB	501/0	498/0
B.MEHILL	280/0	281/0
BABCOCK	64/4	65/0
BAILL JAP	616/0	616/0
BAILL SHI	106/0	106/0
BAIRD (W)	245/0	246/0
BAL TIC	161/0	160/0
BANK IRE	235/0	236/0
BANKER IT	299/0	100/0
BARON GP	202/0	203/0
BART DEV	175/0	175/0
BAYNES C	35/0	36/0
BBA GROUP	223/0	223/0
BEAR BRND	114/4	114/4
BEATTIE J	142/0	143/0
BELHAY	53/4	54/0
BELLWAY	183/0	183/0
BENROSE	244/0	243/0
BENLOX HD	56/0	57/0
BERKELEY	181/0	182/0
BHH GROUP	143/4	143/0
BLK OF SCO	109/0	110/0
BLK L2	8/4	8/4
BLK GROUP	524/0	523/0
BNETT F	97/0	97/0
BODDINGTON	190/0	191/0
BODY SHOP	444/0	443/0
BOOKER	464/0	464/0

## World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
FT 300 ORD	1981.0	1977.9	1977.9	1455.3
FT 500 SHR	24.01	24.01	24.01	1008.8
FT ALL SHR	1205.78	1205.78	1205.78	926.59
FT GAV SEC	87.14	87.22	87.22	87.03
FT GOLD M	199.00	201.70	201.70	161.9
FT MINES F	697.30	699.30	699.30	565.31
FT OIL	2161.1	2161.1	2161.1	1978.9
FT WLD DLR	152.44	151.72	151.91	139.21
FT WLD STG	143.96	143.23	142.14	115.30

## London Stock Market Report

UK STOCKS CAUTIOUSLY STEADY, JUST BELOW FTSE 2,400

LONDON, AUG 25, REUTER - SHARE PRICES WERE HOLDING JUST BELOW THE PSYCHOLOGICAL 2,400 BARRIER ON THE FTSE INDEX IN LATE TRADING, AFTER WALL STREET LOST MUCH OF AN EARLY DOUBLE FIGURE GAIN IN A SEQUEL TO ITS ALL-TIME CLOSING HIGH RECORD YESTERDAY.

ONE DEALER SAID "THIS MARKET CAN'T MAKE ITS MIND UP ABOUT WHERE TO GO. IT'S NOT OVER-VALUED ON A HISTORIC EARNINGS BASIS BUT EQUALLY IT'S IGNORING AN EXPECTED PROFITS DOWNTURN."

(INSTITUTIONAL) LIQUIDITY IS THE SPANNER IN THE WORKS.

BY 1458 GMT THE FTSE INDEX WAS 5.4 POINTS UP AT 2,398.5 AFTER A HIGH OF 2,404.5, ON TURNOVER OF 346.3 MLN SHARES.

\* FOR FAST UPDATES OF LONDON STOCK REPORT SEE PAGE - STOK \*

DEALERS SAID THE PROXIMITY OF THE LONG U.K. BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND WAS ALSO DISCOURAGING ANY REAL BUYING INTEREST, AS MANY OPERATORS FEARED A POSSIBLE WALL STREET CORRECTION WHILEST THE LONDON MARKET IS CLOSED.

THE BUILDING MATERIALS SECTOR WAS DEPRESSED FOLLOWING FLAT HALF YEAR RESULTS YESTERDAY FROM MARLEY, WHICH WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A PROFITS WARNING.

REDLAND, 18P OFF AT 543, WAS AMONG THE HEAVIEST LOSERS AFTER A TIMES NEWSPAPER REPORT TODAY WHICH QUOTED ONE ANALYST VALUING REDLAND AT 43P PER SHARE, BUT MANY ANALYSTS CAUTIONED AGAINST A STRAIGHT COMPARISON BETWEEN MARLEY AND REDLAND.

## London Gold

LONDON, AUG 25, REUTER - GOLD BULLION PRICES HELD AROUND THE KEY 360 DLRS AN OUNCE LEVEL BY THE CLOSE AS SUPPORT APPEARED FOR THE METAL AHEAD OF THE WEEKEND.

THE LONDON CLOSE WAS 360/360.50 DLRS AN OUNCE, DOWN 2.75 DLRS AN OUNCE FROM THURSDAY AND THE LOWEST SINCE JUNE 13.

DEALERS SAID GOLD WAS PERCHED PRECARIOUSLY NEAR NEAR THREE-YEAR LOWS AND IS PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TO A FURTHER RISE IN THE DOLLAR.

BUT THE METAL STABILISED THIS AFTERNOON IN THE ABSENCE OF A MAJOR ONSLAUGHT FROM NEW YORK TRADING AND AS EUROPEAN DEALERS WERE COVERING SHORT POSITIONS PRIOR TO A LONG U.K. WEEKEND.

## London Money Market

LONDON, AUG 25, REUTER - STERLING INTERBANK RATES CLOSED VIRTUALLY UNCHANGED AFTER A LIFELESS AND FEATURELESS DAY AHEAD OF THE LONG WEEKEND BREAK, DEALERS SAID.

WHAT TRADING THERE WAS GROUND TO AN EARLY HALT AS MANY MARKET PARTICIPANTS LEFT SOON AFTER MIDDAY TO AVOID THE EXPECTED HOLIDAY TRAFFIC.

A POOR SET OF U.K. TRADE FIGURES, INCLUDING A 2.06 BILLION STG JULY CURRENT ACCOUNT GAP, ON WEDNESDAY WAS ALL BUT FORGOTTEN AND MARKET FINISHED WITHOUT ANY CLEAR TREND.

THE BENCHMARK THREE MONTH INTERBANK RATE CLOSED UNCHANGED FROM ITS PREVIOUS CLOSE AT 13-15/16 7/8 PCT.

## Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	OPN
DLR	1.5690/95	1.9588/93	6.6040/70	10.3610/755
STG	1.5672/82	3.0730/65	29.585/745	NOON
DMK	1.9570/9650	3.0688/082	6.6040/70	NOON
FFR	6.6050/617	10.355/373	336.75/7.39	NOON
SFR	1.6900/6910	2.6482/6515	86.18/28	NOON
HFL	2.2150	3.4675	112.725	33.44
ECU	1.05925	0.674898	2.07719	7.00218
SDR	1.24747	0.797004	2.44841	8025638
YEN	143.65/75	225.17/48		NOON
SDR RATE	24/08/1989	OTHERS	25/08/1989	

## NEW YORK

NAME	OPEN	MID-DAY
A BSCH COM	43/2	43/1
ATLANTIC R	107/3	107/3
AAR CORP	34/5	34/2
ABBOTT LAB	63/3	63/5
ACME CLVLD	11/5	11/5
ADV MICRO	8/4	8/5
AEROF LAB	4/1	4/0
AETNA LIFE	58/6	58/6
AMERSON	22/2	22/3
AIR PR-CHM	47/6	48/0
ALASKA AIR	28/1	28/2
ALBERTSONS	52/2	51/7
ALBMA 8-16	0	90/2
ALCAN ALUM	24/2	24/2
ALCO STAND	34/6	35/0
AM CAP SEC	22/1	22/1
AM CYNAMID	58/0	58/0
AM FAMILY	17/7	17/7
AM HON PRO	102/2	102/3
AM TEL-TEL	40/1	40/2
AMAX INC	29/0	29/4
AMOCO CORP	48/6	48/6
AMP INC	46/0	45/6
AMPCO PITT	15/2	15/1
AMR CORP	78/0	77/2
AMR GEN CO	37/6	38/0
AMERADA HE	40/0	40/0
ANTHONY ELE	12/3	11/7
APACHE CP	14/2	14/3
APPL 8-12	0	90/0
ARMSTRONG	46/7	46/7
ASHLAND OIL	37/3	37/3
ASIA PACIF	12/6	12/7
ATLS CORP	17/4	17/4
AVERT INC	27/5	27/5
AVNET INC	24/5	24/5
AVON PRODS	37/3	37/1
BELLSOUTH	51/3	51/3
BELO CP A	0	38/7
BEVERLY	8/5	8/6
BLA-DECKER	23/0	23/0
BNK BOSTON	29/5	29/7
BNK BOSTN-A	0	38/0
BNK N-YORK	52/4	52/4
BNK TR-NY	53/4	53/3
BKAMERICA	31/6	31/5
BKAM SPEC	6/1	6/0
BOEING CO	55/2	55/2
BOISE CASC	47/0	46/6
BOND IN GLD	8/3	8/2
BORDEN	73/0	73/2
BONATER	29/6	29/7
BR TELECOM	41/2	41/2
BRIGGS-STR	28/0	28/0
BRIST-MYER	49/5	49/3
BRUNSWICK	17/1	17/2
C 3 INC	4/3	4/3
CHD G-EL	22/7	22/7
CABOT CORP	39/3	39/2
CAESARS WO	39/2	39/1
CAS FREIGHT	23/6	23/7
CAS NAT GS	17/1	17/1
CATERPILL	65/5	65/7
CBI IND	32/1	32/0
CBS	213/2	213/1
CENTEL CP	57/5	57/5
CHAMP INTL	36/6	36/5
CHARTER CO	4/4	4/3
CHASE MAN	39/4	39/4
CHEMED CP	38/3	38/1
CHEM BK	37/7	38/0
CHEVRON	55/6	55/5
CHIC MILK	0	144/4
CHRYSLER	25/3	25/4
CHRYSLER CORP	77/3	77/3
CHUR CH	5/5	5/5
CIGNA CORP	60/4	60/4
CIN MILACK	21/0	20/6
CIN CIT ST	23/7	24/0
CIRCLE K	10/3	10/4
CITICORP	32/7	32/7
CLARK EQUIT	43/3	43/2
CLOREX	42/6	43/0
CMPBLL RES	12	12
CNPBLL	53/4	53/4
CAP PACIFIC	22/3	22/4
COASTAL	8/5	8/6
COASTAL INC	42/4	42/5
COCA-COLA	67/7	68/1
COLECO	*14	*14
COLEMAN CO	0	75/7
COLG-PALM	59/4	59/5
COLUM GAS	46/5	46/6
COM PSY CE	32/7	32/7
COM EDISON	38/0	37/4
CONAGRA	36/5	36/5
CON EDISON	26/2	26/3
CONTINENTAL	36/6	36/7
CONTEL ILL	0	61/4
CONTEL CP	63/4	63/4
CONTR DATA	19/1	19/0
CONG RAIL	42/0	42/0
DIAMOND SH	41/6	41/6
DISNEY W	21/3	21/4
DOVER CORP	37/2	37/3
DOM CHEM	104/7	104/7
DON JONES	39/4	39/6
DRESSER IN	47/3	47/4
DREYFUS	31/0	31/0
DUKE POWER	50/5	50/5
DUN BRAD	59/4	59/6
DUPONT	120/2	120/1
DUESSENE	0	38.12
DYNAMICS	24/3	24/0
E SYSTEMS	32/7	33/0
EAGLE PICH	12/2	12/1
EASTERN EN	32/4	32/0
EMERSON EL	37/4	37/0
EMERSON RA	6/5	6/5
ETHYL CP	28/4	28/5
EXXON	44/1	44/4
FED DOL ST	13/3	13/3
FED NAT MO	100/6	100/3
FLEETCROSS	27/6	27/4
FLEETWOOD	29/3	29/3
FLEMING CO	35/0	35/2
FMC CORP	47/3	47/3
FORD MOTOR	52/4	52/3
FOSTER WIL	20/0	20/0
FREE MC OG	5/2	5/3
FST BANK	25/7	25/7
FST CHICAG	47/6	47/7
FST INTERS	65/3	65/5
FST MISSIP	18/7	19/0
GAMNEY CO	47/6	48/0
GAP STORES	51/6	52/0
GALVESTON	2/5	2/4
GATX CORP	65/4	65/3
GEN DATA	5/7	5/7
GEN DYNICS	57/4	57/5

GEN ELECT	58/1	58/1	N STA PMR	37/1	37/3	SEAGRAM CO	81/1	81/4
GEN HOST	8/7	9/0	NAT INTERG	19/2	19/2	SEAGULL EN	20/2	20/1
GEN HOUSHR	10/4	10/5	NBI CORP	2/0	2/0	SEARS-ROE	43/5	43/4
GEN INSTR	32/0	31/7	NCR CORP	65/7	66/0	SERV CORP	18/4	18/4
GEN MILLS	69/2	69/2	NEW ENG EL	27/0	27/0	SA STN CAP	23/2	23/2
GEN MOTORS	47/1	46/5	NEW PLA RE	17/2	17/3	SHELL TRAN	41/1	41/1
GENCORP	17/5	17/4	NEWELL CO	44/6	44/6	SHER PLOW	77/7	77/7
GENETECH	18/7	18/7	NEWMT NI	39/4	39/4	SHERM-WILL	33/7	33/7
GENUINE PA	40/2	40/1	NEWMT GLD	34/2	34/4	SMITH INT	13/1	13/1
GEO PWT-80	0	80/0	NI MOH-10	0	62/3	SNAP OR TEL	35/6	35/6
GEORGI-PAC	58/6	59/0	NI MOH-72	0	78/0	SONAT INC	42/4	41/4
GIBR FI CL	*15	*15	NICOLET IN	11/2	11/1	SOUTHERN	27/4	27/4
GOLDEN NUG	31/0	29/7	NITCOR INC	40/7	40/7	SPAIN FUND	18/3	18/3
GOODRICH	62/5	62/4	NL INDS	26/4	26/4	SPERRY	12/0	11/7
GOODYEAR	53/1	53/1	NOBLE AFF	15/0	15/0	SQUARE D	60/6	60/6
GRACE WR	35/6	35/4	NORD-RESOU	12/4	12/4	SQUIBB		
GRAINGER	63/4	63/3	NORTHROP	25/2	25/2	STONE CONT	30/3	30/5
GREYHOUND	36/3	36/2	NORTON	59/0	59/0	STON COAT	38/2	38/2
GRUMMAN	20/3	20/3	NOVO NORD	44/5	44/6	SUNSTRAND	39/4	39/4
GULF RES-C	18/1	10/2	NUDCOR CORP	66/7	67/0	SUNSH MIN	7/0	7/0
HALLSBURTH	39/6	39/6	OCC INCOS	1/2	1/3	SUPER-VAIL	30/0	30/0
HALLMOB	3/2	3/2	OAK PETROF	29/0	29/1	SOUTHWEST	25/7	25/7
HANDLEMAN	18/5	18/5	OCEAN DRILL	21/2	21/3	SV GAS	18/5	18/5
HANSON MIN	28/4	28/3	ODEN CORP	32/7	32/7	SUN BELL	53/7	54/0
HARROW	17/4	17/5	OH ED CO	22/7	22/7	TCBY ENT	23/4	23/4
HARRIS-C	34/7	34/7	OLIN CORP	67/6	67/6	TDK ENT	0	0
HECLA MIN	13/5	13/5	OMNICARE	9/1	9/1	TECO EMERG	26/4	26/4
HEINZ NJ	61/7	61/7	ORION PICT	21/2	21/2	TEKTROMIN	21/4	21/4
HEL CURTIS	31/0	31/1	PATINE WEB	22/6	22/6	TELETYPE	375/0	375/0
HELM-PARTS	30/3	30/1	PAN AM	3/7	3/7	TELENET	60/7	60/7
HERCULES	49/1	49/1	PANHANDLE	28/3	28/3	TERADINE	11/4	11/4
HEW-PACK	51/5	52/3	PARK ELECT	13/4	13/5	TESORO PET	10/7	10/7
HEXCEL CP	29/4	29/5	PARKER DRI	71/4	71/4	TEXACO	54/0	54/0
HILLENBRND	39/6	39/6	PARKER HAN	31/0	31/0	TEXAS IND	54/6	54/6
HILTN HTLS	104/5	104/5	PATRICK PET	6/5	6/4	TEXAS INST	39/6	39/6
HITACHI	114/0	114/2	PC INDB-90	0	96/0	TEXAS OIL	32/7	32/7
HNDSTK MIN	13/5	13/6	PENN CENTR	27/2	27/1	THOMAS IND	20/0	19/0
HWY-HARRN	16/7	16/7	PENNZOIL	82/1	82/6	TIDEMATER	9/0	9/0
HOLIDAY C	83/2	82/6	PEOPLES EN	25/0	22/7	TIME INCOR	141/0	140/0
HOME DEPOT	34/5	34/6	PEPPICO	60/7	61/0	TIMKEN	37/4	37/4
HONEYFED CP	43/6	43/4	PERKIN-ELM	28/0	28/0	TORCHMARK	43/2	43/2
HONDA MOTR	27/2	28/1	PFIZER INC	69/2	69/6	TOSCO	20/0	19/0
HONEYWELL	90/0	89/5	PHNAPS DOC	11/1	70/7	TOYS R US	35/0	35/0
HOUGHWIN	61/4	61/3	PHILIP MOR	159/0	158/6	TRANSCORP	44/7	44/7
HUGHSTON IN	33/6	33/6	PHILIPS PE	28/5	28/0	TRANSCO EN	19/0	19/0
HUGHES SUP	19/9	19/8	PIHACLE W	12/6	12/5	TRANSCO EX	13/0	13/0
HUMANA INC	33/3	33/2	PITN-BOMES	53/5	53/4	TRAVELLERS	41/6	42/0
IBM	116/0	115/7	PLITSON	21/0	20/6	TRIMITY INC	43/6	43/6
ICI PHARMA	6/0	6/0	POLAROID	47/0	47/3	TV CORP	37/0	37/0
ILL PHR CO	16/6	16/6	PORTLAND GE	24/5	24/5	TUX CORP	18/7	18/7
ILLIN 4-08	0	21/2	PPG INDS	42/6	42/6	UAL CORP	268/2	268/2
INDIA GRAM	15/4	15/4	PRIME COMP	12/3	12/2	UTO BRAND	16/1	16/1
INGRESS-LA	48/4	48/2	PRIME INNS	37/0	37/0	UTD TECH	55/2	56/0
JEFF PILOT	38/5	38/5	PRIMERICA	27/2	27/1	UNILEVER	73/7	73/7
JER PM 8-5	0	88/1	PROCTER-GH	132/0	131/3	UNION CAMP	40/0	39/0
JOHNSON CON	38/6	38/7	PUEB SP-L	21/5	21/6	UNION CARB	29/1	29/1
JOHNSN-JNS	50/6	50/5	PUGET HOME	17/2	17/7	US SHOE	20/6	20/6
K MART CP	44/0	44/0	QUAKER OAT	64/3	64/3	USX CP	34/4	34/4
KAN CI P-L	33/4	33/4	QUAKER COR	16/1	16/0	US MEST	71/6	71/6
KELLWOOD	34/0	34/0	QUANTUM CR	47/0	46/7	US AIR CP	50/6	50/6
KEHR MCCREE	48/5	48/5	RALS PURIN	94/0	94/1	VALERO EN	15/1	15/1
KERRY MCNEE	18/5	18/4	RAMADA INN	14/2	14/2	VALLEY IND	17/1	17/1
KIMB-CLARK	68/6	68/6	RANGER OIL	5/5	5/6	VARCO INTL	5/1	5/1
KIRBY AL	59/5	59/2	RAYCHEM	37/6	38/0	VARIAN ASS	27/5	27/7
KIR BID NOS	60/0	60/2	RAYMATH	2/1	2/1	V PHT PEPP	56/0	56/0
KROGER CP	18/4	18/3	RAYTHEON	80/0	80/4	WAIKOW OIL	7/7	8/0
LA RONAL	17/6	17/7	REYNOLD HE	60/6	59/6	WALC MART	42/4	42/4
LEHMAN	14/0	14/0	RLC CORP	8/7	8/6	WALGREEN	47/3	47/3
LENNAR	21/7	21/7	ROCKWELL	23/0	23/0	WARNER CON	64/7	64/7
LINCOLN NA	54/7	54/6	ROHM HAAS	35/1	35/1	WARNER LAM	110/2	110/0
LITTON IND	90/0	89/2	ROHR INDS	31/4	31/2	WASTE MAN	60/2	60/0
LOCKHEED	50/2	50/0	ROLLINS EN	11/0	11/0	WASH GAS L	28/5	28/5
LODITTE CP	49/1	49/5	ROLLINS IN	18/0	18/0	WENDY INTL	6/0	6/0
LOEMS CORP	120/3	120/1	RORER GRP	45/4	45/5	WESTING	20/0	20/0
LOME STAR	34/7	35/1	ROMAN CORP	9/4	9/5	WESTINGHOUSE	69/3	69/3
LONGS DRUG	42/6	43/0	ROYL DUTCH	66/2	66/2	WILLIAMS E	12/3	12/3
LOWES	31/1	31/1	RSS BERRIE	16/3	16/4	WINNBERG	7/3	7/3
LTD INC	36/6	36/7	RYDER SYST	28/6	28/3	WOLVER SAM	24/6	24/6
LTV CORP	2/1	2/0	RYLAND GRP	25/6	25/2	WOOLMOUTH	68/2	68/2
LTV 1-25	0	2/4	S DELCO G-E	41/4	41/4	WORLDORP	15/0	15/0
LTV 3-068	3/2	3/2	SARNA	27/4	27/6	WRIELE	45/2	45/2
LTV 5-25	0	10/0	SC ATLANTA	59/2	59/1	WYLE LABS	8/2	8/0
LUBRIZOL	45/0	45/1	SCOTT PPR	20/5	20/6	ZAPATA	67/4	67/4
LUBYS CAPS	26/3	26/3	SCOTTYS	16/2	16/2	ZENITH EL	2/0	2/0
MALAYSIA F	11/6	11/5	SE BANK CO	27/3	27/2	ZERO	22/0	21/0
MGMT ASS	*10	*10	SEA CONT	65/6	65/6	ZURN	40/2	40/0
M HARIETTA	49/3	49/4						
MA COM INC	7/1	7/1						
MANOR CARE	16/6	16/6						
MANU HANOV	40/0	40/6						
MARTIN LAB	34/0	35/5						
MARTINOTT	40/7	40/4						
MASCO CORP	27/6	27/6						
MATSUMY ELEC	170/4	170/4						
MATTEL INC	17/7	17/6						
MCA INCPOR	65/7	66/1						
MCDONALDS	29/2	29/5						
MCDONWELL	71/4	71/2						
MCGRAW-HIL	80/6	80/4						
MEAD	44/4	44/2						
MELVILLE	50/6	51/0						
MERCK - CO	75/1	75/1						
MEREDITH	37/0	36/6						
MERRILL LY	34/3	34/3						
MOBIL OIL	53/7	53/7						
MONSANTO	121/5	121/5						
MONSANTO PO	40/3	40/3						
MORGAN JN	41/1	41/2						
MOTOROLA	68/7	69/0						
MURSH-HOEN	59/2	59/4						
MURPHY OIL	69/2	69/4						

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# WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 1989

## International Bond Highlights

**LONDON:** Bank of New York Co Inc has set a 500 mln dir Euro commercial paper programme, Shearson Lehman Hutton International said as arranger.

**Zurich:** Swiss paper maker Biber Holding AG is issuing a 70 mln Swiss franc 3-1/2 pct 10-year convertible bond with an indicated conversion premium of eight to 10cpl, lead manager Credit Suisse said.

**Singapore:** ANZ Singapore Ltd said it has arranged a 224 mln Swiss franc credit facility for Indonesia's PT Five Star Ltd.

**Ankara:** Turkey's foreign debt dipped to 35.3 billion dir at end-June from 36.3 billion at end-March and 37.7 billion at end-1988, a senior treasury official said.

**London:** The UK's encouragement of people to take out personal pension plans may have the unexpected side effect of raising gilt yields across the maturity range.

## HONG KONG

PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	DIFF	31	31.50	31.50	NAT. ORG.	---	---
ACC	242.50	246	248.50	GRASIN	109.50	109	109	39	38
ALCOA	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
ALUMINUM	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
ALU NIS	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
ARI FAB	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
ASBOK LEY	69	61.25	63.75	HERO HONDA	19	19	20	19	19.50
ASIA PAINT	197.50	196.25	202.50	HIND CIBA	830	825	865	59	58
ATLAS COP	36	36	37	HIND COCOA	115	115	116	160	158.75
AUTO CORP	70	70	72.50	HIND LEVER	95.50	95.50	96.50	55	55.50
BAJAJ AUTO	325	325	328.50	HIND MOTOR	32	32	32	82.50	82.50
BAR RAYON	562.50	570	567.50	HINDALCO	243.75	245	242.50	84	83
BK BOND	80	79	80.50	HOECHST	780	790	780	172.50	172.50
BLOM PLAST	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
BOM DYE	124	124.50	123	IND RAYON	77.50	77	78	62	62.50
BSE INDEX	708.50	709.50	710.50	INDOL	281.25	280	272.50	42	42.50
BURR WEL	182.50	180	185	INGERSOLL	119	119.50	118	75	77
CANSHARE	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
CEN ENKA	2750	2750	2750	JK SYN	74.25	74	75	70	70
CEN SPG	2010	2025	2025	KIN ENGG	135	138	137	1210	1200
COLGATE	311.25	312.50	310	KIR CUMM	65	65	65.25	55	55.25
CROAT GR	---	---	---	1260	KSB PUMPS	362.50	360	370	345
DCM	11.50	10.50	11.50	L AND T	104	102	103	118	119
DEEP FERT	28.50	28.75	28.75	LIPTON	67	68	68	67	70
DUNLOP	79	78	80	MAC RUSSEL	115	113.75	116.25	337.50	347.5
EI HOTELS	58	57	58	MAC COATS	95	95	96	1008	1017
ESKAYE	71.25	71.50	71.25	MAHINDRA	88	87	88	THAPP AGRO	---
ESSAR SPG	112.50	113.50	111.25	MA SHARE	15.50	15.25	15.50	TISCO	1213
FORBES	29	29.85	28.75	NICO	580	600	600	VAN ORG	150
FORBES	158.75	159	157.50	MILKFOOD	187.50	182.50	182.50	VARELI	22.50
FORBES	50	48.75	48.75	MODI	83	82	83	VOLTA	835
GE SHIPPING	67.50	67	67.50	NKF LTD	327.50	330	330	WIMCO	16
GLINDIA	88	89	89.50	NAT INDEX	367.50	367.52	367.52	ZUARI AGRO	70

## FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST	PR.	CL.
AEG	242.5	237.5	---
ALLIANZ VR	2115.0	2112.0	---
BADEMERK	232.0	236.0	---
BASF	321.5	301.0	---
BAYER	313.5	311.5	---
BAYER HYP	408.0	404.0	---
BAYER VER	395.0	394.0	---
BBC	505.0	498.0	---
BHF	448.0	447.0	---
BHW	607.0	601.0	---
COMMERZB	254.0	254.8	---
CONTI GUHM	313.5	312.0	---
DAIMER BEN	834.0	807.5	---
DEUTSCHE B	669.0	664.0	---
DLV	550.0	546.0	---
DOUGLAS HD	671.0	669.0	---
DRESDNER B	356.0	354.3	---
DT BARDOCK	224.5	223.5	---
FAZ INDEX	662.0	657.71	---
FELDMUEHLE	419.7	419.2	---
GOLDSCHEIDT	437.0	436.3	---
HARPER	457.0	457.0	---
HOECHST AG	298.7	298.0	---
HOECHST	242.5	241.5	---
HORTEN	283.0	283.0	---
KALI SALZ	219.0	218.5	---
KARSTADT	603.0	600.5	---
KAUFHOFF	520.0	519.0	---
KLOECK H	194.0	191.5	---
KLOECK V	163.0	158.0	---
LINDE	796.0	792.0	---
LUFTHANSA	198.5	189.8	---
MANNESMAN	353.0	352.0	---
MERCEDES	679.0	658.0	---
METALLGES	469.0	465.0	---
NIXDORF PF	353.5	353.0	---
NORSK HYD	43.90	43.00	---
PHILIP KON	564.5	564.5	---
PORSCHE	842.0	837.0	---
PREUSSAG	301.5	293.0	---
PVA	325.0	321.0	---
REINMETAL	438.5	438.5	---
RUE	346.0	346.5	---
RUE P	291.5	293.5	---
SALAMANDER	387.0	389.0	---
SCHERING	766.5	752.0	---
SEL	340.5	339.5	---
SIEMENS	601.5	598.0	---
THYSEN	241.5	240.8	---
VARTA	407.0	407.5	---
VEBA	351.0	351.0	---
VEW	195.5	195.0	---
VOLKSWAGEN	484.4	479.0	---

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STOCK	LAST	PR.	CL.
BANK EA	14.00	13.70	---
CATHAY	8.00	7.95	---
CAVENDISH	322	317	---
CHEUNG K	7.95	7.95	---
CHINA L-P	11.70	11.80	---
DAIRY FARM	690	690	---
EVERGOLD	2.15	2.12	---
GT EAGLE	0	0	---
H S INDEX	516.78	499.08	---
HAECO	19	19	---
HANG LUNG	4.60	4.52	---
HENDERSON	5.10	5.05	---
HK BANK	5.70	5.60	---
HK ELEC	7.35	7.35	---
HK GAS	16.90	16.70	---
HK LAND	7.70	7.65	---
HK TELECOM	4.67	4.65	---
HK-HOTEL	4.90	4.95	---
HOPMELL	2.72	2.77	---
HS BANK	20.00	20.00	---
HUTCHINSON	8.25	8.15	---
HYAN DEV	1.28	1.26	---
JAR MATH	19.90	19.70	---
JSH	12.00	11.70	---
KN BUS	6.95	6.90	---
LAI SUN	125	124	---
MANDARIN O	0	0	---
MIRARAR	5.95	5.85	---
NEW WORLD	9.65	9.50	---
PAUL Y CON	1.01	0.99	---
SHK PROP	10.60	10.40	---
STELLUX	2.50	2.50	---
SWIRE A	14.90	14.90	---
TAI CHEUNG	3.90	3.87	---
TV-B	0.94	0.92	---
UNARE	7.60	7.60	---
WINSON	8.60	8.60	---
WORLD INTL	3.55	3.57	---

## TOKYO

STOCK	LAST	PR.	CL.
AJUNIMOTO	2860	2870	---
AKAI ELEC	749	744	---
AKAI	1330	1360	---
ASAHI GLS	2350	2350	---
ASAHI OPT	1030	1020	---
BANK TOKYO	1750	1760	---
BRIDGESTON	1730	1760	---
CANON	1780	1790	---
CASIO COMP	1430	1450	---
CHUGAI PHM	2080	2080	---
CITIZEN W	1150	1150	---
D-ICI KAN	3500	3510	---
DAI NIP IK	906	904	---
DAI NIP PT	2410	2410	---
DAI NIP SC	1400	1380	---
DAI NIP TO	965	975	---
DAICEL	1150	1140	---
DAIWA H	2600	2590	---
DATSUM SEC	2260	2320	---
EBRA MFG	2300	2280	---
EISAI	2160	2160	---
FUJITSU	1640	1640	---
FUJII BANK	3700	3710	---
FUJII PHOTO	4690	4560	---
FUJISAWA	1840	1850	---
FUJITA CP	1830	1840	---
HITACHI	1630	1640	---
HONDA MOT	1940	2040	---
ISOTAN	2980	2940	---
ITO YOKADO	4300	4320	---
JAP SYN RU	1270	1270	---
JAPAN AIR	17100	17200	---
JAPAN MET	1120	1100	---
KAJIMA	2120	2120	---
KANSAI EL	4700	4760	---
KAO SOAP	1900	1890	---
KAWASAKI H	1110	1100	---
KAWASAKI S	872	883	---
KIRIN BEV	1950	1970	---
KOMATSU	1270	1270	---
KUBOTA LTD	1270	1250	---
KYOCERA	6400	6330	---
MAKITA EL	2100	2080	---
MARUI	3280	3240	---
MATSUDA EI	2440	2470	---
MATSUDA EL	0	2660	---
MEIJI SEIK	1100	1100	---
MITSUBI CP	1570	1590	---
MITSUBI EL	1130	1140	---
MITSUBI EST	2440	2430	---
MITSUBI HYY	1190	1190	---
MITSUBI CO	1130	1140	---
MITSUBISHI	2360	2300	---
MITSUBISHI	1020	1040	---
NICHICON	1720	1680	---
NIMON CMNT	1230	1220	---
NITKO SEC	1860	1870	---
NIP ELEC	1930	1930	---
NIP KOKKAN	800	803	---
NIP OIL	1480	1490	---
NIP STEEL	817	825	---
NIP YUSEN	1040	1050	---
NIS MOTOR	1550	1550	---
NOMURA SEC	3210	3300	---
ONDA CO	1270	1260	---
OLYMPUS	1540	1530	---
PENTA OCK	1370	1360	---
PIONEER	4480	4320	---
RENOVA	1250	1220	---
RICOH	1270	1280	---
SANKYO	2860	2770	---
SANYO ELEC	890	890	---
SEIYU ST	2430	2450	---
SEKISUI PB	2340	2350	---
SHARP	1440	1440	---
SHISEIDO	2040	2050	---
SUNITOMO	1510	1500	---
TAISEI	1610	1620	---
TAISHO MRN	1430	1450	---
TAKEDA CH	2520	2550	---
TEIJIN	961	943	---
TKD NEW IX	622.70	630.97	---
TOKIO MRN	2080	2110	---
TOKYO ELEC	1220	1240	---
TOKYO GAS	1080	1080	---
TOKYO POMR	6000	5970	---
TORAY IND	1010	1000	---
TOSHIBA EL	1330	1340	---
TOTO	2700	2680	---
TOYO KKOYI	1080	1080	---
TOYOTA MOT	2650	2680	---
YAMAHA	1460	1490	---
YAMATACHI	1840	1880	---
YAMAMOTO	3750	3760	---
YAMAZAKI	1840	1840	---

INFLATION	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	+0.7 PCT	+0.6 PCT	+0.2 PCT	+0.2 PCT
PRODUCER PRICES	+0.4 PCT	+0.9 PCT	+0.2 PCT	+0.2 PCT
HOUSE TRADE	-8.26 BLN	-10.08 BLN	-8.17 BLN	---

C/A BAL OF PAYMENT	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR	1ST QTR	2ND QTR
(8/21)	-30.15 BLN	-29.17 BLN	-32.02 BLN	-27.63 BLN	---
GMP (1ST REV 8/29)	+2.5 PCT	+2.4 PCT	+3.7 PCT	+1.7 PCT	---
GMP DEFATOR	+5.3 PCT	+4.2 PCT	+4.0 PCT	+4.9 PCT	---

APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	
LEADING IND	0.6 PCT	-1.3 PCT	-0.1 PCT	9/1
PERSONAL INC	+0.6 PCT	+0.2 PCT	+0.3 PCT	8/30
UNEMPLOYMENT	5.3 PCT	5.2 PCT	5.3 PCT	5.2 PC
EMPLOYMENT	+117,000	-207,000	250,000	+169,000
HOUSING STARTS	+1,339 MLN	+1,311 MLN	+1,419 MLN	+1,430
IND PRODUCTION	+0.6 PCT	-0.1 PCT	-0.1 PCT	0.2 PC
CONSUMER CREDIT	+2.49 BLN	+4.22 BLN	+2.99 BLN	
RETAIL SALES	+1.0 PCT	+0.1 PCT	-0.1 PCT	+0.9 P
INVENTORIES	+0.8 PCT	+0.9 PCT	+0.4 PCT	
DURABLE GOODS	+3.2 PCT	-4.5 PCT	+1.4 PCT	-1.9 P
TRADE BALANCES	- BILLIONS. LOCAL CURRENCY			
PROVISIONAL	LATEST MONTH		PREV. MONTH	YEAR AGO
BELGIUM/LUX	MAR* +13.0	+19.5	-0.8	
CANADA	JUN +127	+543	+1.39	
FRANCE	JUN -2.8	-6.7 R	-0.9	
ITALY	JUN -7.1	-2.118	-941	
JAPAN-US DLRS	JUN +6.44	+5.06	+7.39	
NETHERLANDS	MAY* +1.1	+0.2	+0.7	
SWITZERLAND	JUL -0.670	-0.974	-0.609	
U.K.	JUN* -1.49	-1.32	-0.95	
U.S.	JUN -8.17	-10.08	-10.60	
W.GERMANY	JUN* +13.9	+10.5	+14.2	
CURRENT A/C BALANCE	OF PAYMENTS			
PROVISIONAL	LATEST QUARTER		PREV. QUARTER	YEAR AGO
BELGIUM/LUX	Q1 +32.0	+38.0 R	+38.0	
CANADA	Q1 -3.7	-3.9	-4.8	
FRANCE	Q1 +6.5	-21.8 R	+7.9	
JAPAN-US DLRS	Q1 15.76	23.59	18.42	
NETHERLANDS	Q1 +4.76	+3.29	+2.83	
U.K.	Q1 -4.83	-5.58	-2.99	
U.S.	Q1 27.63	32.02	-33.446	
W.GERMANY	Q1 30.46	19.66	16.84	
TRADE BALANCES	OF LOCAL CURRENCY			



Climate is most favourable, says minister

# Pakistan seeks US investment

WASHINGTON, Aug 25: Pakistan is keen to develop its economy through the private sector in collaboration with US business partners, according to the Pakistani Industries Minister Syed Ali Nawaz Shah who is visiting the United States with a delegation of Pakistani businessmen.

In a seminar at the US Chamber of Commerce on Aug 21, Shah highlighted the opportunities available for US companies to invest in Pakistan. He said the new democratic government of Pakistan under Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto has "simplified and streamlined investment procedures to facilitate foreign investment."

The seminar on investment opportunities in Pakistan was sponsored by the US Chamber of Commerce (USCOC) and the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) to coincide with the visit of the Pakistani Industries Minister who presented Pakistan's new "open-door" policy toward foreign investment in Pakistan.

Addressing an audience of about 70 US businessmen, consultants and govern-

ment officials, the Pakistani minister invited the US business community to send an "investors delegation" to Pakistan to look at the possibilities for industrial collaboration and identify and make contacts with potential joint venture partners in Pakistan.

Shah emphasized the added incentive of the favourable geographical location of Pakistan which he said enjoys good markets in the Middle East. According to him, Pakistani industry not only caters to 107 million Pakistanis but also has chances of getting a "substantial portion of the 100 million Middle East market." He also pointed out the "economic opening" of China and "possible reconstruction activities in Afghanistan, Iran and Iraq." Shah stressed that Pakistan's ideal location and "historic association" with those countries could open up markets there through transfer of technology and US collaboration.

"The climate today in Pakistan is most favourable for foreign investment in the shape of financial involvement, technology transfer, joint ventures, buyback arrangements, training of managers and

personnel," he said.

Earlier, in his opening remarks, USCOC's International Division Vice-President William T. Archey recalled the chamber's long association with Pakistan and drew attention to an April 1989 survey of US investment in Pakistan prepared by the American Business Council of Pakistan (ABC), which represents 53 US companies operating in Pakistan.

According to the ABC survey, the American companies doing business in Pakistan contribute significantly to the economy of Pakistan, employing nearly 13,000 highly qualified people and contributing "technical expertise, advanced management techniques and a high standard of business operation."

OPIC president Fred M. Zeder said it became involved in Pakistan in 1955 and has so far assisted over 50 US companies doing business there. In 1983, an OPIC delegation with representatives from 26 US firms toured Pakistan to explore investment opportunities there.

OPIC currently has \$375 million in investment insurance covering 17 US

firms operating in Pakistan. In addition, it has extended nearly \$50 million in loans and loan guarantees to 12 US companies — some of which are also covered by OPIC insurance — with \$26.5 million in foreign exchange and \$14 million in Pakistani rupees, according to OPIC's John Moore, who was a moderator at the seminar.

Among the projects OPIC is involved in are: investment insurance for Cargill's orange processing plant in Sargodha from which concentrates are exported to the Middle East; investment insurance for General Electric's 450 megawatt power station in Guddu to be completed later this year; investment insurance and loan guarantees for two American companies involved in gas and oil exploration and development; investment insurance with Citibank, American Express, Chase Manhattan and Bank of America; investment insurance and rupee loans for American pharmaceutical companies such as Abbott Laboratories, Parke Davis and Company, and Squibb Pakistan Ltd.; investment insurance and rupee loan for Gillette's subsidiary, Interpak

Shaving Products, Ltd.; investment insurance and rupee loan for Brinks Pakistan Ltd., a security firm.

OPIC carries out this mandate primarily through insuring US investments abroad against three major types of political risks: (1) inconvertibility — protection against the inability to convert local currency into dollars; (2) expropriation — protection against confiscation or nationalization of an investment without fair compensation from the host government; (3) political violence — protection against losses due to war, revolution, insurrection and civil strife.

In addition, American investors planning to share significantly in the equity and management of an overseas venture can also utilize OPIC's finance programmes for medium- to long-term financing through either direct loans or loan guarantees. OPIC also has special programmes to meet the specific needs of investors involved in contracting and exporting, energy exploration and development, and leasing arrangements.

## Taiwan, US sign fishing accord

TAIPEI, Taiwan, Aug 25, (AP): Taiwan and the United States have signed an agreement to regulate Taiwanese use of drift-nets in the North Pacific, Foreign Ministry officials announced today.

David Laux, chairman of American Institute in Taiwan, and Ding Mou-Shih, Taiwan's representative in Washington, signed the agreement yesterday in Washington, three days before the Monday deadline set by the United States, they said.

Taiwan had been given 60 days to sign and implement the pact or face possible sanctions against Taiwan's fishery products.

Driftnetting uses nets up to 30 miles (48 kilometres) long and 50 feet (15 metres) deep, which are set adrift by fishing boats for later collection. The indiscriminately kill seals.

The one-year agreement allows for high seas boarding and inspection of Taiwan drift-net vessels suspected of illegally catching US salmon. It also requires the placement of satellite transmitters on 10 per cent of the 170 Taiwanese drift-net vessels involved. The agreement said starting Jan 1, 1990, all Taiwanese drift-net vessels must carry such transmitters to fish in the North Pacific.

The United States will use the transmitters to keep track of the Taiwanese fishing fleet.

Council of agriculture chairman, Yu Yu-Hsien said the agreement was not an ideal pact for his nation's fishermen, but was acceptable for Taiwan under the current political situation.

The government signed the agreement for the sake of 600,000 fishermen on this island, Yu told a news conference. Taiwanese exports to the United States, mostly tuna and shrimp, were valued at \$340 million last year.

Yu said boarding Taiwanese vessels would not hurt the island's sovereignty because US personnel would pay "courteous visits" to Taiwan vessels and inform Taiwan's enforcement personnel to handle any illegal fishing activities.

## Tehran to host trade fair

TEHRAN, Aug 25, (OPECNA): The 15th Tehran International trade fair will be staged here on September 17 with the participation of 41 countries.

Deputy manager of the Exports Promotion Centre Mohammad Reza Nouri Javid, disclosed that Thailand, North Korea, Canada, Benin, Tanzania, Cyprus and Dubai will be attending the fair for the first time since the late 1970s.

Several other countries, including Zimbabwe, Zambia, Kenya and the Philippines, were expected to announce their attendance shortly.

## Stock market needed to halt price manipulation

UAE should copy its neighbours: officials

ABU DHABI, Aug 25, (Reuters): The United Arab Emirates should copy its neighbours by setting up an official stock market to attract more investment and halt manipulation of share prices, senior bankers and officials said yesterday.

They said a 40 per cent leap over six months in the National Bank of Abu Dhabi (NBAD) stock index, which tracks the existing telephone traded stock market, reflects improving UAE economic prospects but is also due to attempts to manipulate prices.

"Basically we want this market to end unfair speculation

and irregularities," said Central Bank adviser Osama Al Malki. Senior NBAD manager Ziad Dabbas described a favourite technique of share manipulators: "They advertise without any intention of buying. They just want to influence the market to force prices up and sell their own shares higher."

Share dealers, including some local brokers, were looking for profits "not based on sound economic grounds," he said.

The NBAD index, which began on March 1 with a base of 1,000, had hit 1,397.06 on Thursday. The index tracks share price moves of 22 local banks and

other companies.

Governments of the six Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) states have seen their oil revenues dwindle with the world oil price collapse of the 1980s.

Repatriation of even a small amount of the estimated \$300 billion in overseas GCC funds would go a long way to supporting traditionally state-led investment, bankers said.

Oman and Bahrain opened stockmarkets floors this year, and Qatar is considering one. Kuwait's market has been established for almost eight years.

Saudi Arabia briefly opened a floor in 1987 but closed it after

what bankers said were objections from religious leaders. Islam sees shares as a form of usury, which it condemns.

The UAE has been considering a floor since 1985 but officials said disparities in the laws of the seven emirates which make up the UAE federation have slowed progress.

The Abu Dhabi-based Arab Monetary Fund is preparing a study on a new market, an AMF official said.

In December the GCC agreed in principle that any GCC citizen would be able to deal in shares on other GCC bourses but this has yet to be ratified in the UAE.



President Mubarak

## Foreign domination ruled out

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, Aug 25, (Reuters): President Hosni Mubarak appears to have ruled out any major sell-off of the public sector and said Egypt would not allow key projects to fall into foreign hands.

In a speech yesterday to students at the University of Alexandria, Mubarak said projects that were strategic must stay publicly owned. Profitable businesses should also be kept and loss-making ones would be hard to sell.

"Strategic projects cannot be given to the private sector because it cannot afford to buy them and we cannot accept foreign domination again in Egypt," a spokesman for Mubarak quoted him as saying.

Egypt has said it wants to boost private sector enterprise in its struggling economy but seems unwilling to make real cuts in its big public sector.

There is a problem in selling loss-making companies. Nobody will buy them and if we do sell it will be with great losses," Mubarak was reported as saying.

## Straitjacket regulations encourage corruption

### Rafsanjani determined to revive economy

DUBAI, Aug 25, (Reuters): A bribery scandal surrounding Iran's heavy industry minister has highlighted a surge in corruption sparked by straitjacket government regulations, economists say.

Many factory managers are turning to the black market to get much-needed foreign exchange, a prized commodity in an economy shattered by eight years of war with Iraq, the economists said.

"The government is (forcing) managers to earn the foreign exchange they need ... through exports," an Iranian economist said.

"But Iran's industrial development needs more foreign

exchange that it can earn" just by selling abroad, he said.

Heavy Industry Minister Behzad Nabavi this week survived an attempt to impeach him in parliament over his alleged involvement in corruption at a factory that makes Renault cars.

But political sources said the managing director of the Saipa factory, Dourak Mansour, was sentenced to eight years in prison and 70 lashes over the multi-million dollar scam.

The government has largely suppressed the private sector since the 1979 Islamic revolution and radical legislators regard many ordinary management policies as un-Islamic.

The economy has become so

distorted that black market dealers buy the dollar for 20 times the official rate.

The economists said President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, elected last month, is determined to revive the economy with more market-oriented policies.

On Sunday legislators will debate cabinet changes that would replace Islamic hardliners with technocrats.

Nabavi, for years a key figure in imposing government control over the economy, has been dropped from the line-up.

Western economists estimate that Iran's export earnings, about 90 per cent of them from oil sales, have been running at up to \$15 billion a year — not

enough to rebuild the country's industrial base and at the same time import scarce consumer goods.

The country's foreign currency reserves at the end of this year will be only about \$6 billion excluding gold reserves, the economists said.

As a result the government is reluctant to part with foreign exchange to invest in anything but the essential energy industry. Other industries must fend for themselves.

"Look around (Gulf countries) and you will see everything from Iranian washing powder to biscuits for sale," said an Iranian trader.

## Poland owes \$39b to West

### Solidarity seeks debt relief

WARSAW, Aug 25, (Reuters): Solidarity's leading economic expert says the new government of Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki must cut inflation, seek new credits, make budget cuts, abolish subsidies and close unprofitable factories.

Professor Witold Trzeciakowski also says Mazowiecki should ask the West and the Soviet Union to reschedule Poland's debts. Poland owes \$39 billion to Western banks and governments and 6.5 billion roubles (\$10 billion) to Moscow.

Mazowiecki was installed on Thursday as the first non-communist prime minister in Eastern Europe in more than 40 years. He called on the United States today for rapid help in restoring Poland's chronically sick economy.

Mazowiecki told reporters yesterday he might call a referendum to ask Poles if they were ready for austerity measures to end problems such as inflation, now soaring towards 200 per cent, budget deficit and industrial uncompetitiveness.

"I am considering that measure. But I don't know yet if it would be right. People might speak out but they might be so dispirited that they wouldn't bother. Experts will have to be consulted," Mazowiecki said.

Trzeciakowski, an expert at Poland's Academy of Sciences who advises Solidarity, outlined proposals for Mazowiecki's government in an interview yesterday with the union's newspaper Gazeta Wyborcza.

"The most dangerous of the present negative phenomena is hyper-inflation," he said. "We must proceed with serious budget cuts, abolish subsidies

and liquidate unprofitable enterprises."

Solidarity officials acknowledge there are big question marks over whether Poles will accept more sacrifices after food prices rise this month which hit 500 per cent in some areas.

They also fear resistance to planned reforms — such as the transfer of industries to the private sector — from communist bureaucrats with a vested interest in centralisation.

Solidarity plans to challenge the long-standing communist practice of giving influential jobs in factories and the state economic apparatus to politically trustworthy people.

"I back the idea of promotions in the workplace according to competence. But in the first hours, please don't make things difficult for me by creating an atmosphere of threats and tensions which could obstruct my task," Mazowiecki said.

He said Poland should repay its debts, but added: "Efforts should be made in international relations so that debts do not become something strangling the economic development of debtor countries."

Trzeciakowski said the new government should ask the Paris Club of Western nations, to which Poland owes about \$25 billion, for a rescheduling of debts over a 25-year period.

He said Poland should also reach a deal legalising the fact that it has been unable in recent years to pay annual debt interest of between \$2 and \$3 billion.

"We have to negotiate a rescheduling of our repayments of debts to the Soviet Union, which total 6.5 billion roubles," he said, without specifying the terms Poland should seek.

## Soviets may have made huge gas find in Arctic

OSLO, Aug 25, (Reuters): The Soviet Union may have made a major gas find in the strategically vital Barents Sea, scene of costly but fruitless Arctic oil exploration in the last few years, a top Soviet Oil Ministry official said yesterday.

Ostap Sheremeta, head of Soviet offshore oil operations, made the announcement at an oil offshore in the port of Harstad, northern Norway.

But he refused to confirm earlier reports that the field in the Soviet sector of the

Arctic waters could be the world's biggest offshore field.

Finn Aamodt, a senior official at Norway's state-funded oil directorate who was at the conference, relayed the announcement to Reuters by telephone.

"Sheremeta said the find could be many times bigger than another one they made further south, of some 300 million cubic metres," he said.

"But the Soviet Union and NATO

member Norway have been exploring the Barents since the early 1980s. Geologists say the Barents may contain some of the world's last great untapped petroleum reserves.

The sea is divided between the Norwegian and Soviet continental shelves, to the north of both countries' land masses. But the two have been in a dispute for almost 20 years over where to draw the boundary between their respective exploration areas.

If the Soviet find is confirmed, it would be the first major known discovery of oil or gas in a region that is often used for manoeuvres by the submarines and other naval vessels from the navies of the Soviet Union and the United States.

Sheremeta said the find, called Shtokomanovskaya and to the north of an area called the Murmansk High, was being evaluated. He gave no details about how or whether the Soviets planned to develop the field.

## Campbell Soup to restructure

5 overseas plants to be closed

CAMDEN, New Jersey, Aug 25, (AP): Campbell Soup Co., which began making soup here 120 years ago, will close its original plant, three US factories and five overseas for a loss of nearly 2,800 jobs.

Campbell said yesterday it would keep its headquarters in this poor southern New Jersey city on the Delaware river, but would move production at the 940-employee plant to canneries in Napoleon, Ohio; Paris, Texas; and Maxton, North Carolina. The headquarters employs about 1,700 people.

The company said that as part of a world-wide restructuring it also plans to close a 272-employee plant in Pocomoke city, Maryland; a plant employing 246 people in Crisfield, Maryland; and an 84-employee plant in Smyrna, Tennessee.

The five overseas plants to be closed employ 1,200 people, but were not identified. Campbell said it would close the Camden plant by next July, but did not have a timetable for any of the other closings.

Many employees will be offered transfers, while others will be offered severance pay or help finding other jobs, the company said.

The restructuring was approved at a board of directors meeting earlier Thursday, said spokeswoman Marsha Cade.

"We feel that this will make Campbell more efficient," said Ms Cade. She said the US plants being closed were older, and "just aren't as efficient as they should be."

"It would cost over \$1 billion to bring the Camden plant alone up to date," she said.

Plants in Chicago, Memphis, Michigan; Doylestown and Pottstown, Pennsylvania; already have closed, and Campbell has sold its fresh produce subsidiary and ingredient plants in Centre and Nacogdoches, Texas; Clayton, Delaware; and Cairo, Georgia.

The company has about 100 plants around the world, 60 of them in the United States.

Campbell sells about 5 billion cans of soup a year, garnering about 65 per cent of the \$2.2-billion retail soup market, a drop of about 5 per cent in the past five years.

Although Campbell is closing the plant where it got its start in 1869, it plans to start building a new \$35-million headquarters on the waterfront across the Delaware river from Philadelphia.

"Campbell is very committed to Camden," Ms Cade said.

Ms Cade said the restructuring resulted from a three-year study of Campbell's plants and operations.

Marvin B. Roffman, an analyst with the brokerage firm Janney Montgomery Scott Inc. in Philadelphia, said the announcement constituted a statement by Campbell management that "we're going to be lean and mean."

"Any food company who wants to be independent in the '90s had better be a very low-cost producer with a global presence," Roffman said.

## Kodak struggles

### Plans to cut 4,500 jobs

NEW YORK, Aug 25, (Reuters): At a time when global brands are the holy grail of the business world Kodak film has few peers on the planet, but its maker, Eastman Kodak Co., proves that prestigious trademarks alone are no guarantee of success.

Eastman Kodak said yesterday it will cut 4,500 jobs and sell some businesses as part of a restructuring. It was the fourth such announcement in six years and analysts said it might not be the last.

The cost-cutting measures were expected after surprisingly weak profits this year put the company on the defensive.

Lingering in the background are rumours it has become a takeover target, putting even more pressure on the Rochester, New York-based film giant to produce.

"Its cost structure has to be brought in line with its revenues," said Eugene Glazer of the brokerage firm Dean Witter Reynolds.

Its films continue to sell well — as they have since an ambitious bank clerk, George Eastman, began packaging easy-to-use photography products 100 years ago.

The basic film business has had its ups and downs, but it has survived upstart threats from technologies ranging from Polaroid instant photos to video cameras and remains a steadily growing \$15 billion business for Eastman Kodak.

While Japan's Fuji photo has carved out a substantial piece of the market, it has done so largely at the expense of others. Kodak continues to sell over half the world's film and photography products — with more than twice Fuji's sales.

Kodak was quickly outclassed by Japanese manufacturers when sophisticated 35-mm cameras became the rage. But the high-end photography pumped up demand for Kodak films and processing equipment world-wide.

Still, Kodak is struggling. A rise in the dollar is one reason, since the falling value of foreign currencies cuts into its huge foreign business.

But analysts say the main reason is that Kodak has been scarred by its battles to expand from its basic film business, notably its entry into the instant photography business.

After passing up a deal with Edwin Land in the 1940s to sell the technology with him, it entered instant photography 30 years later — just as the business was beginning to peak.

Land's Polaroid Corp. sued Kodak for patent infringement and won. Kodak took major charges to get out of the business and compensate consumers. A court is in the process of deciding damages it must pay Polaroid.

## SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

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## This week on KTV 2

## SUNDAY

- 6.00 Opening and Holy Quran  
6.10 Care Bears: Cartoon serial  
6.30 Sea Hunt: 'Ultrasonic Tug'. Bryan, a man with odd behaviour seeks the help of Dr Mike to find out his brother's stolen boat. But Mike's daughter finds out Bryan's real aim.  
7.00 Architecture At The Cross Roads: Architecture One Vedio. A look at new and modern architecture schools.  
8.00 News in English  
8.30 Flying Doctors: 'The Hitch-Hiker'. Vanessa on her way to Darwin in northern Australia faces many difficulties as she plans to reach there hitch-hiking.  
9.30 The Secret World: 'The Deadly Sea'. Sea beds as a source of horror and fear.  
10.00 Kate and Allie: Allie gets acquainted with a young man. But she needs a shock to regain her reason.  
10.30 Bestseller: 'The Four Minutes Mile' (Part 1). Breaking a mile in four minutes had been the holy grail of athletes. On May 1954 four athletes of three continents were all attacking the elusive barrier.  
12.00 News in Brief  
12.15 Magazine D'Actualite and Closedown

## MONDAY

- 6.00 Opening and Holy Quran  
6.10 Bionic Six: Cartoon serial  
6.30 The Scheme of Things

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## SATURDAY

- 6.00 Opening and Holy Quran  
6.10 Bionic Six: Cartoon serial  
6.30 The Scheme of Things

Technology invades all aspects of sports and entertainment activities. How birds sing. The language of bees.  
7.00 Roving Report: A weekly round-up of local, Arab and international news, events and activities.  
7.30 Charles in Charge: 'Weekend Weary'. The family holds an auction for selling certain articles when Charles' friend interferes in an unusual manner.  
8.00 News in English  
8.30 Paradise: 'A Matter Of Honour'. Gavin's gang attacks the farmers, looting their farms and killing their cattle. Uncle Ethan tries to stop the gang.  
9.30 227: 'A Class Act'. Unimpressed with Brenda's wisecracking history teacher, Mary has words with the school principal.  
10.00 Tales Of The Unexpected: 'Rum, Rabbit Run'. An American soldier attempts to write a book about a French woman who killed her husband by mockery and scornful laughter when she suspects him as a double agent.  
10.30 Jack and Mike: 'Fire And Ice'. Mike has to co-operate with the police against a gang boss who attempts to become Mike's partner in the restaurant.  
11.30 News in Brief  
11.45 Magazine D'Actualite and Closedown

12.00 News in Brief  
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## KTV 1 weekly highlights

12.15 Variety programme: With the Stars  
4.00 Arabic play: La Wagi Ledyai. Starring: Khaled Zaki  
8.00 Seminar of the week  
10.30 Arabic film: Ahmar Shafayef. Starring: Najeeb Al Reehani

WEDNESDAY  
9.00 Opening and Holy Quran  
9.30 Ifah Ya Sinsim  
12.15 Summer Clubs  
4.30 Historical serial: Meera A; Saameen  
5.30 Children and Summer  
7.45 Holy Quran and Science  
9.45 Local programme: Monday Evening  
11.00 Cultural programme: Ehtimalat

## THURSDAY

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran  
9.30 Cartoons

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A scene from the bestseller 'The Four Minutes Mile' on KTV2 on Sunday at 10.30 pm.

Cartoon serial  
6.30 Captain Power: 'Retribution' (Part 2). Dread keeps his forces under his control to attack Captain Power's forces.  
7.00 Gone Fishing: 'New Zealand Rainbow Trout'. A look at the world's most popular recreational sport. Types of fish, where to find it, how to get there.  
7.30 The New Adventures of Beans Baxter: 'Beans Goes To Camp'. A nuclear warhead is stolen by the gang of Soe. Beans has to find it.  
8.00 News in English  
8.30 A Different World: 'Gentlemen Of Hillman'. Ron and Dwine

participate in preparing a study about time. Dwine shows much interest while Ron remains indifferent.  
9.00 Horizon: 'Perils Of The Deep'. Dangers of diving and difficulties. The relation between depth and need for more oxygen and breathing.  
10.00 Hoopman: 'The Dating Game'. Hoopman is unable to find a girlfriend to share his life.  
10.30 L.A. Law: 'Victor Victorious'. Owen has to face a lawyer regarding racial discrimination. Victor has a love affair with a TV woman-director.  
11.30 News in Brief  
11.45 Magazine D'Actualite and Closedown

WEDNESDAY  
6.00 Opening and Holy Quran  
6.10 Trollkins: Cartoon serial  
6.30 Safari To Adventure: 'Alaskan Bear'. The most feared killer of northern forests of Alaska.  
7.00 Danger Bay: 'High Flyer'. Nicole's interest in flying brings her close to disaster. Correlli has a sideline; he is part of a criminal ring that smuggles parrots.  
7.30 Body Matters: 'Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow'. Care paid to hair. Distinguishing persons from their hair.  
12.00 News in Brief  
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## NIGHT CHEMIST

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Abdullah Al Salem Street  
Property of the Suppliers Stores  
Al Montaser Pharmacy  
Ahmad Al Jaber Street  
Property of Al Sane  
Nagra and Hawalli  
Al Najat Pharmacy  
Hawalli, Property of Maryam Al Saddani, opp to the Fire Complex  
Salamiya and Rumaithiya  
Heba Pharmacy

Salem Al Mubarak Street, Property of Fahd Abdul Rasheed  
Fahad and Ahmadi  
Al Iman Pharmacy  
Fahad, Makkah Street, Property of Faisal Al Dabous  
Old Kheitan  
Al Ahram Pharmacy  
Block No 2, Property of Sulaiman Saleh Al Rhamani  
Jahra  
Al Noor Pharmacy  
Abdul Aziz Al Nasrallah Building

## WHAT'S ON

Kuwait Science Museum  
OPEN Sat - Wed, 8 - 9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursdays and Fridays.  
Islamic Arts Museum  
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 4.00 to 7.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment.  
Tareq Rajab Museum  
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am to 12 noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.  
Sadu House  
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts - rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

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3.15 Innah Al Haq: religious programme  
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6.30 Al Fanan Al Sagheer: Children's local programme  
7.00 Shura Al Saf Al Thani: cultural programme, starring: Ashraf Abdul Al Ghafoor, Fayza Kamel  
9.00 News in Arabic  
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Hair as a feature of personality.

8.00 News in English  
8.30 Simon & Simon: 'Cloak Of Danger'. Andrew Simon writes a play to stage. An actor appears stabbed by a knife on the stage. The Simon brothers feel obliged to solve this mystery.

9.30 Best of British: 'The Heroes'. Scenes are brought on from films dealt with the heroes.

10.00 Learning The Ropes: Carole believes that Robert is in love with her when he plans to take her away from his two brutal friends.

10.30 A Classical Film: 'On Our Merry Way'. Starring: James Stewart, Henry Fonda. A reporter is urged to dig up some human interest stories.

12.00 News in Brief  
12.30 Magazine D'Actualite and Closedown

## THURSDAY

6.00 Opening and Holy Quran  
6.10 The Real Ghostbusters: Cartoon serial  
6.30 Take Heart. An educational programme for children.

7.00 Intruders: 'Toad In The Cane'. Toads are night animals in Australia which are mostly found in cane farms.

7.30 T and T: 'Private Eyes'. The mob chases a young boy to prevent his father from giving his testimony before a court.

8.00 News in English  
8.30 Beauty and the Beast  
9.30 TV Bloopers and Practical Jokes. A variety of unexpected events and practical jokes.

10.30 Feature Film: 'Special Friendship'. The story took place during the civil war in America where Elizabeth sets her slave women, Mary free and both co-operate with the Union Army.

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## FRIDAY

6.00 Opening and Holy Quran  
6.10 Silver Hawks: Cartoon serial  
6.30 Inter Bang: Gianni and Bruno receive help from a young Chinese woman while the killer is chasing them to get the Tower version.

7.00 Walt Disney: 'The Little Shepherd Dog of

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For more particulars, kindly contact the following Flaxsik officers: Chary Nepomuceno Tel. 5624509, Rose Fontanets: 4843601, Malon Tadana: 4881350, Esther Madamba: 5312700 ext 4221, Marilyn Inductivo: 3940600 ext. 2230 & 4521 and other Flaxsik officers or the event vice-chairman Al Castro of Martin Marietta Data Systems.

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8.30 Breaking Away. Recreational and entertainment activities carried out by the Touristic Enterprises Company (TEC) in various parts of Kuwait.  
8.45 Around The World  
9.15 Miami Vice: 'Missing Hours'. A dead man's corpse disappeared suddenly from the autopsy room. The team finds out that one of its members has signed a releasing receipt but she

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10.00 Valerie: 'Community Theatre'. Valerie makes her preparations to produce a play and she selects a beautiful girl as heroine where unexpected surprise awaits.

10.30 Moonlighting: 'Perfect'. Dave and Maddie undertake the case of a man who alleges that he has committed a crime 25 years ago and wants them to prove that he is guilty.

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# Courier stuns Connors in Cup opener

JERICHO, N.Y., Aug. 25. (Reuters) Jimmy Connors, a last-minute replacement for third-seeded Stefan Edberg of Sweden, was beaten yesterday by 14-year-old Jim Courier 4-6, 2-6, 3-6 in the first round of the \$154,000 Challenge Cup tennis tournament.

Edberg, ranked third in the world, withdrew from the tournament because of a severe case of hives, according to tournament director Wendy Parr, who added that Edberg was bed-ridden because of the rash.

## Lendl and Graf start US Open favourites

NEW YORK, Aug. 25. (Reuters) Ivan Lendl and Steffi Graf, the men's and women's number one tennis players, start favourites to win the US Open beginning on Monday, but the tasks facing them are of markedly different scale.

Graf has already won Wimbledon and the Australian Open and has a match record of 62-2—27-0 on hardcourt—in 1989. Despite her shock French Open defeat, she enters the last two-week event of the year hotly tipped to collect \$330,000 for her eighth Grand Slam singles title.

Lendl's draw, by contrast, is no-one is a safe bet. Lendl can expect a serious challenge from at least four players—titleholder Mats Wilander and past and present Wimbledon champions John McEnroe, Stefan Edberg and Boris Becker.

But the US-based Czechoslovak signalled his superb form ahead of his bid for a fourth US Open title when he crushed McEnroe in this month's Canadian Open final.

"I think Becker, Edberg and Wilander are the players to watch at the Open," Lendl said. "And you can't count McEnroe out, and then there's always me."

A run of poor form this year has dropped Wilander to world number five after a brief stint at the top in 1988 when he won three of the four Grand Slams.

"Last year everything went my way and this year nothing really is," the Swede said recently.

Compatriot Edberg also faces a crisis of confidence after losing his Wimbledon singles title to West Germany's Becker in this year's final.

The main threats to Graf's title hopes are Martina Navratilova, Arantxa Sanchez of Spain—who beat her in Paris—and Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina. Graf, 20, handled the pressure admirably in achieving last year's historic Grand Slam, but said after her French Open defeat she was relieved—"now I can relax and play my game."

That spells bad news for Navratilova, the world number two and four-time winner of the US Open, and third-ranked Sabatini, who beat Graf earlier this year on clay.

The sentimental favourite, however, will be 34-year-old Chris Evert, a six-time champion here.

The fourth-ranked winner of 18 Grand Slam singles titles is to retire after this year's tournament and the boisterous New York fans will be firmly in her corner.

Connors, who turns 37 next week, was erratic against Courier, ranked 34th.

"This was my first tournament match since Wimbledon," said Connors, who currently ranks 15th. "I felt I hit the ball pretty well overall. If I can get three or four days of hard practice in, I'll be ready for the open."

Connors, cutting a svelte figure, said he has been working out lightly the last couple of weeks but has spent most of the time

losing 6-4, 6-1. There she had upset Soviet Larisa Savchenko, then ranked 16th, and acquired a taste for the adulation tennis-mad Japanese can lavish.

"They treat you real nice if you beat a big star. So if I knock off Martina, they'll have a big parade for me in Tokyo," Miyagi giggled.

In other action, second-seeded Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina sleep-walked through the first 10 games, then woke up and throttled 11th seed Barbara Paulus of Austria 7-5, 6-0.

After squandering four set points in the ninth game of the opening set and losing her service at love in the 10th game, Sabatini dropped just three points in the final eight games.

With the US Open looming of the horizon, fourth-seeded French Open champion Arantxa Sanchez of Spain showed she is handling the transition from clay to hard courts with her 6-2, 6-1 win over Australian Louise Field, a like all-court player.

Unseeded Australian Anne Minter followed up on her stunning upset of third-seeded Chris Evert with a 6-2, 6-2 win over French serve and volleyer Catherine Suire.

The other quarterfinal matchups have Minter against Sylvia Hanika of West Germany, Sanchez against Nathalie Tauziat of France and Sabatini against fifth seed Jana Novotna of Czechoslovakia.

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# Navratilova sails into Canadian quarterfinals

## Sabatini blasts Austrian



Navratilova lunges as she hits a backhand shot to Kelesi. (Reuters wirephoto)

TORONTO, Aug. 25. (Reuters) Playing with new-found zest, top-seeded Martina Navratilova yesterday swept into the quarterfinals of the \$300,000 Canadian Open tennis championships with a 6-3, 6-3 win over Helen Kelesi of Canada.

Although she served poorly enough to be broken four times—twice in each set—Navratilova was never threatened.

"My serve has already gone to the US Open," Navratilova joked.

The chubby Kelesi tried to mix it up, using forays to the net to punctuate her normal aggressive baseline play.

Too often, however, the 19-year-old Kelesi ended up huffing and puffing on the losing end of key points.

"I made her tired at the end," the 32-year-old Navratilova said. "She was gasping for breath by the last game and I was running around like a spring chicken."

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# Villa hold Liverpool

LONDON, Aug. 25. (Reuters) David Platt scored a surprise second half equaliser to earn Aston Villa a 1-1 draw with Liverpool on Wednesday after the English soccer championship favourites had threatened a scoring spree.

Liverpool had turned on a vintage display throughout the first half with England winger John Barnes seemingly capable of winning the game on his own.

He scored after 24 minutes when he turned debutant full-back Andy Comyn inside out and Villa braced themselves for an onslaught.

But the FA Cup holders failed to convert their supremacy into goals as Ian Rush and defender Gary Venison squandered a succession of chances.

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## Evert looks back at long tennis career

TORONTO, Aug. 25. (Reuters) After a stunning defeat to unseeded Anne Minter on Wednesday in her opening match at the Canadian Open tennis championships, Chris Evert was quite matter-of-fact.

"You can't force the intensity," said Evert, the 34-year-old winner of 18 Grand Slam singles.

"I'm surprised I'm still around at 34," said Evert, who earlier this week announced her plans to retire from the game she dominated for so long.

"When I was 17, I used to look at Billie Jean King at 30 and think what's her problem? Why is she on the circuit so long? Doesn't she have anything better to do?"

With her husband Andy Mill, a former US Olympic skier, looking on supportively, Evert added: "I never in a million years thought at 34 I'd be ranking four in the world and still be up there with the best of them."

Evert has said that the US open which begins on Monday would be her last major championship.

It has been a difficult year for the six-time US Open champion, who has reached just one tournament final—in Houston in April where she was beaten by 15-year-old Yugoslav Monica Seles.

"It's easy to be critical of my results this year. Mentally it's very hard to keep that intensity up every single point. Now when I relax, my opponents come back," she said.

MOHAMMED Bin Sulayem may be guaranteed a fourth successive year as Middle East champion—even before the 1989 FISA regional series has been completed.

With two rounds of the championship already cancelled and a third in doubt, FISA—motor-sport's governing body—could decide not to award any titles in the Middle East this year.

Sulayem, who currently leads the series by three points in his Winston Toyota Celica GT-4, would prefer to hold on to his crown by winning the Dubai International Rally which definitely goes ahead on November 30 and December 1.

So would champion navigator Ronan Morgan—his regular partner—and Toyota, winners of the manufacturers' title three years in a row. The matter, however, could be out of their hands.

Postponed in May because of the country's internal problems, the Jordan Rally was later called off. Since then, the Oman Rally has also been cancelled in view of preparations for the Sultanate for the AGCC Conference. Now there are doubts about whether the Lebanon Rally can go ahead in October even without competitors from other countries.

The Middle East championship will be high on FISA's agenda at forthcoming meetings in Paris, probably in early October. And it could rule that—depending on developments in Lebanon—no title will be awarded unless at least four rounds are staged this year.

FISA may be influenced by the fact that one of the two rounds held to date—the Qatar International Rally in February—was abandoned before two thirds of the route had been completed.

FISA has since ruled that only half of the points available from that rally will be awarded.



Rose looks down while answering reporters' questions. (Reuters wirephoto)

## 'I didn't bet on baseball'

# Rose gets life ban

NEW YORK, Aug. 25. (Reuters) Cincinnati Reds manager Pete Rose was banned from baseball for life yesterday but continued to deny that he had bet on baseball games.

Baseball commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti told a news conference that Rose had accepted a settlement to their six-month dispute under which he accepted the lifetime ban without admitting or denying the gambling allegations.

He noted that baseball rules permitted Rose to apply for reinstatement after one year and that he would consider such an application with an open mind.

"There is no deal for reinstatement. One must wait a year before one must re-apply for reinstatement," he said.

Rose, who as a player became a legend by amassing a record 4,256 base hits in his career, indicated at a news conference in Cincinnati that he expected to be reinstated before long.

"I've been in baseball three decades, and to think that I'm going to be out of baseball for a very short period of time hurts," he said.

"My life is baseball. I hope to get back into baseball as soon as I possibly can," Rose continued.

"I've made some mistakes, and I think I'm being punished for those mistakes. However, the settlement is fair," he said.

Rose, 48, declined to specify mistakes but insisted: "Regardless of what the commissioner said today, I did not bet on baseball."

Giamatti said the settlement called for Rose to accept his punishment without a formal ruling on the gambling charges.

However, asked if he was satisfied that Rose had bet on baseball games, he replied: "I am convinced that he bet on baseball, yes."

Giamatti responded to another question on whether the gambling involved his own team by noting that Rose had not officially disputed a report which said the illegal bets had included games played by the Cincinnati Reds.

The commissioner said Rose had not challenged the report in a hearing and therefore he had no reason to doubt it.

## Sheets hits 2-run homer

NEW YORK, Aug. 25. (AP) Larry Sheets hit a two-run homer and Tim Lincecum had a two-run single, helping the Baltimore Orioles to a 9-2 victory over New York and a split of yesterday's twin double-header.

The Yankees won the opener of the five-game series 5-1 behind the six-hit pitching of Chuck Cary and Dave Righetti and Don Mattingly's two RBIs.

Sheets hit his seventh homer, and first since June 25, following Joe Orsulak's leadoff double in the second inning off Eric Plunk, who was making his first start of the season after 43 relief appearances. Winner Dave Schmidt held the Yankees to one run and three hits in five innings.

The split reduced the Orioles' lead over Toronto in the American League East to 1 and 1-2 games.

Blue Jays 11, Tigers 3

Mookie Wilson hit three singles, drove in two runs, stole two bases and scored twice while

George Bell and Nelson Liriano homered for Toronto.

Mike Flanagan, who missed two starts with an eye injury, yielded two runs and five hits in six innings. Loser Jack Morris, 3-11, was tagged for eight runs and 10 hits in six innings.

Angels 5, Royals 0

Bert Blyleven pitched a four-hitter for his 10th consecutive victory, stopping a California losing streak for the seventh time this season, and rookie John Orton got his first three Major League RBIs as the Angels snapped the Royals' nine-game winning streak.

Results

American League

Cleveland 5, Seattle 2

Minnesota 5, Chicago 4

New York 9, Baltimore 2

Baltimore 9, New York 2

Toronto 11, Detroit 3

California 5, Kansas City 0

Texas 6, Oakland 2

National League

St Louis 4, Atlanta 1

Pittsburgh 3, Houston 2

## Italians find soccer star's behaviour intolerable

# Maradona undecided on return

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 25. (Reuters) Argentine soccer star Diego Maradona, who has failed to report back to his Italian club Napoli, has not yet decided when to return to Italy, his girlfriend said yesterday.

"Diego is on his way back to Buenos Aires (from a fishing trip). He has been asked when to travel to Italy," Claudia Villafra said in a brief telephone interview.

But an Aerolineas Argentinas Airline source, who asked not to be identified, told Reuters there was a booking for Maradona on a Saturday flight to Rome. The Italian League soccer season opens on Sunday.

The Argentine World Cup captain has angered UEFA Cup winners Napoli by twice cancelling booking for flights from Buenos Aires to Rome in the past week.

Maradona, who was originally expected to return to Naples on August 3, instead went fishing and hunting with friends in the province of Corrientes, 800 km (500 miles) north of Buenos Aires.

According to his agent Guillermo Coppola, Maradona—the highest paid player in Italy—was "going through a period of reflection."

Napoli have said they are starting disciplinary action against Maradona. Such measures could cost the 28-year-old midfielder a heavy fine, the termination of his contract or even his place in the 1990 World Cup finals, according to club sources.

Maradona said in a statement this week he was convinced there was a plot to harm him in Italy and that he would remain in Argentina until club authorities could ensure his family's safety.

The club and Naples police have dismissed Maradona's claims that his house and his car in the city had been vandalised.

The Argentine Football Association president, Julio Grondona, said

he had been asked by Italian soccer authorities to look into Maradona's case but added it was "a very delicate question."

In a survey published yesterday, 70 per cent of Italian fans questioned said Maradona had behaved "absolutely intolerably."

But only 45 per cent said they would sell the soccer genius to another club if they were Napoli president Corrado Ferlaino while nearly 49 per cent said they would not fully support such a move, the survey by the respected research institute Doxa said.

Meanwhile, amid talk of underworld plots, threats of disciplinary action against the wandering star, his club Napoli's opening match away to Ascoli on Sunday has rated relatively few column inches.

Without Maradona, as was demonstrated in midweek, Napoli often struggle. Last season's UEFA Cup and Italian Cup winners scraped through 9-8 on penalties after extra-time against Second Division Monza in the Italian Cup first round on Wednesday.

European champions AC Milan are likely to be without Dutch internationalists Ruud Gullit and Frank Rijkaard, both injured, for their opening match against Cesena. They also had to resort to penalties in midweek before edging past Second Division Parma.

Internazionale, who stormed to last season's championship losing only two games, are aware that their staying power will be seriously examined in the coming months.

In order to fit everything in before the World Cup begins, most sides will be forced to play two games a week throughout the season but later have been strengthened by the arrival of West German striker Jurgen Klinsmann. His fellow-countryman Lothar Matthaus misses the first game at home to newly-promoted Cremonese through suspension.



A sulen Maradona leaves the field after being booed in one of the matches last season. (Reuters wirephoto)

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Glasgow clubs

LONDON, Aug. 25. (Reuters) Celtic versus Rangers, always an emotive and frequently volatile occasion, will be even more highly charged than usual when the two Glasgow clubs clash tomorrow for the first time this season. Focus of interest will be Scottish international Mo Johnston, the former Celtic striker brought back from French soccer by Rangers in the slick transfer deal as Celtic dithered.

### Aouita selected

NAIROBI, Aug. 25. (Reuters) Morocco's Said Aouita, holder of five world middle-distance records, has been included in Africa's athletics team for the World Cup in Barcelona from September 8-10.

### Top player

LONDON, Aug. 25. (Reuters) Andy Sinton has played only two games in the English First Division, but already his manager Trevor Francis has tipped him to become one of the outstanding players of the season.

### \$300 million

NEW YORK, Aug. 25. (Reuters) CBS television network announced Wednesday that it had acquired the US broadcast rights to the 1994 Winter Olympic Games in Lillehammer, Norway, for \$300 million.

### Italian Cup

ROME, Aug. 25. (Reuters) Results of Italian Cup first round soccer matches involving First Division clubs on Wednesday (matches drawn after extra time decided by penalty shootout):

Intern	1	Spezia	0
Lazio	2	Ancona	0
Bologna	2	Triestina	0
Roma	3	Modena	0
Fino	0	Sampdoria	2
Cesena	3	Padova	0
Lecco	2	Brindisi	0
Cagliari	0	Juventus	1
Taranto	0	Udinese	0



## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Bored fan

NEW YORK, Aug 25, (Reuters): A bored fan decided to create some excitement of his own during Wednesday's game between the Boston Red Sox and the New York Yankees with a calculated jump out of the third deck. Steve Krizin, 24, escaped injury as he landed on the netting strung from the screen behind home plate. After a nimble climb down the pole supporting the screen, he was arrested and charged with reckless endangerment, a misdemeanor.

## Soviets eliminated

DUISBURG, West Germany, Aug 25, (Reuters): The Soviet Union's men's team have been eliminated from next month's athletics World Cup after shot putter Alexander Bagach failed a dope test at the European Cup earlier this month.

As a result, the Soviet Union forfeited the six points gained by Bagach in the European Cup and dropped to third place behind winners Britain and East Germany in the overall standings.

## Athletic meet

NEW DELHI, India, Aug 25, (AP): The biennial Asian Track and Field Meet, one of the region's top athletic events, will be held in New Delhi Nov 14-19, organisers said Wednesday. The meet is being hosted by the Amateur Athletic Federation of India.

## Winning streak

ATLANTA, Aug 25, (Reuters): Four days after breaking her own world record in the 800 metres freestyle, American Janet Evans fought off jet lag to extend her winning streak to 24 yesterday in a dual swim meet against the Soviet Union.

## Italy agrees

ROME, Aug 25, (Reuters): Police and soccer authorities in Italy agreed today that the country's main soccer stadiums should be converted to all-seater venues in response to mounting crowd violence.

## Holding rapped

LONDON, Aug 25, (Reuters): Michael Holding, the former West Indies Test fast bowler, has received a "severe reprimand" from his English county Derbyshire after going on strike during a pitch controversy on Monday.

## Rugby tour

CAPE TOWN, South Africa, Aug 25, (Reuters): An international XV play South Africa in Cape Town tomorrow in the first of what promise to be two bruising encounters between the sides to celebrate the South African Rugby Board (SARB) centenary.

## Gullit injured

MILAN, Italy, Aug 25, (Reuters): Dutch soccer captain Ruud Gullit will miss the start of the Italian League season with European champions AC Milan on Sunday because of a knee injury that has plagued him since April.

## West German Open

FRANKFURT, West Germany, Aug 25, (Reuters): Irish Ryder Cup hopeful Philip Walton was nine shots adrift of four players who shared the lead after the first round of the West German Open golf tournament yesterday.

## Student Games

DUISBURG, West Germany, Aug 25, (Reuters): Hungarian Olympic champion Bence Szabo and compatriot Diana Eoery put a stop to Italy's early domination of the fencing events at the World Student Games yesterday. Both won titles in their groups.

## More motivated

BRUSSELS, Aug 25, (Reuters): Olympic 100 metres champion Carl Lewis said yesterday he was more motivated now than when he was racing against disgraced Canadian Ben Johnson, because he was confident that his present rivals were clean of drugs.

## Top athletes

TOKYO, Aug 25, (AP): Ten 1988 Olympic gold medalists, including six world record holders, will compete in the '89 Tokyo International Track and Field Meet on Sept 16, the organisers said yesterday.

## US triumph

DUISBURG, West Germany, Aug 25, (AP): Larry Johnson scored 26 points and collected 8 rebounds as the US basketball team beat Britain 109-67 at the World University Games yesterday and advanced to the quarterfinals.

## Yacht race

ATHENS, Aug 25, (UPI): Greek champion George Tripsis skippering "Olyklos V" won the 24-mile third stage of the three-quarter-ton World Cup Sailing Championships at Phaleron Bay yesterday.

## Aouita misses mile mark

BRUSSELS, Aug 25, (Reuters): Said Aouita's bid for the world mile record collapsed in a strength-sapping final lap at a rain-swept Brussels grand prix athletics meeting today.

The usually free-flowing Moroccan passed the bell more than two seconds inside schedule to break Briton Steve Cram's four-year-old mark of three minutes 46.32 seconds.

But he could not sustain the pace running alone over the final lap and crossed the line in 3:50.09 — second fastest in the world this year.

## Berger takes provisional pole spot in Belgium

SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS, Belgium, Aug 25, (Reuters): Austrian Gerhard Berger produced an awesome demonstration of his bravery and skill today as he took provisional pole position for the Belgian Grand Prix motor race in treacherously wet conditions.

Berger, driving with a boldness not to be expected from the survivor of an horrific accident only four months ago, dominated the rain-hit opening qualifying session in his Ferrari.

Having recorded an early quickest time after only 12 minutes of the interrupted

session, he was forced to lift his performance again when Brazilian world champion Ayrton Senna briefly usurped his place at the top of the timings.

Berger responded immediately by clocking a best time of two minutes 11.102 seconds, leaving Senna's McLaren to share

the provisional front row with him from second position.

Senna finished with a best time of 2:11.171 at the end of a session cut in two by a 15-minute interruption caused by the removal of Michele Alboreto's Lola from a sandtrap. The veteran Italian had spun off and was

unable to restart. He was unhurt.

Berger's British Ferrari team-mate Nigel Mansell, seeking to press home a late challenge for the championship after his first win in Hungary, finished with the third quickest time.

Italian Riccardo Patrese was fourth-

quickest in a Williams.

For Berger, a lucky survivor of a high-speed fireball crash at the San Marino Grand Prix at Imola in April, it was the third time he has taken provisional pole on the magnificent 6.94 kms circuit in the Ardennes.

## England's joy tempered as Gooch is out for a duck

## Australia 468 in first innings

LONDON, Aug 25, (Reuters): England enjoyed three hours of rare success in the Ashes series, capturing Australia's last seven wickets for 123, before Terry Alderman jolted them back down to earth in the sixth and final Test at the Oval yesterday.

Australia slipped from their overnight 325 for three to 468 all out in overcast conditions on the second day, but Alderman struck back by dismissing opener Graham Gooch for nought in the opening over.

England were one for one wicket when deteriorating light finally forced the players off 35 minutes before the scheduled tea interval. Rain set in soon afterwards and prevented any further play.

England, 4-0 down in a series in which they have been thoroughly outplayed, checked Australia's apparent march to another huge total through the efforts of their four pace bowlers.

All-rounder David Capel and new ball pair Gladstone Small and Alan Igglesden accounted for middle order trio Allan Border (76), Dean Jones (122) and Steve Waugh (14) respectively, while medium-pace Derek Pringle polished off the tail to finish with four for 70.

Australia's final total made the only side in Test history to

score more than 400 in the first innings eight times in succession. They made 401 and 151 in the last two matches of 1988-89 home series against West Indies followed by 601, 528, 424, 447, 602 and 468 in the current Tests.

England's reply had lasted four deliveries, including a no ball, when Gooch shuffled across his stumps, playing round a straight delivery and was lbw, giving Alderman his 35th wicket of the series.

Gooch has now managed 32 runs in his last five Test innings, a sequence that was extended here despite missing the previous Test to try to recover his form in county cricket.

His failure thrust Mike Atherton into the firing line early on once again. The Lancashire batsman faced the fifth and 10th balls of each innings on his debut in the previous Test.

However, conditions had become so gloomy that Atherton and debutant John Stephenson instantly accepted the umpires' offer to go off for bad light after one over and four balls.

When Border and Jones resumed in the morning, they increased their fourth wicket stand by 20 to 196 before Australia's innings subsided.

Yesterday Australia suffered a few unaccustomed problems



Jones waves to the crowd after completing his ton.

from the English bowlers in the first half of the day after Border won the toss, and a score of 149 for three in the second session represented considerable success

by England in the context of previous wretched performances.

Gladstone Small and Igglesden, who shared the new ball, accounted for Geoff Marsh (17), Mark Taylor (71) and David Boon (46), but Border and Jones put the touring team firmly in the ascendancy.

Australia's first innings totals in the previous five Tests have been 601, 528, 424, 447 and 602 — a sequence of high scoring that Border showed by the determination of his own innings he was intent on extending.

Border, using characteristically excellent footwork against left-arm spinner Nick Cook, and Jones, driving handsomely and playing fluently off his legs, carried the attack to the bowlers in a stand of mounting authority.

The Australian captain reached his half century with his eighth four from 98 deliveries, while Jones completed his second hundred of the series shortly before yesterday's close from 119 balls with his 14th four.

Australia were unchanged for the fifth consecutive Test, while England gave first caps to both Igglesden and opener John Stephenson, omitting off-spinner Eddie Hemmings and batsman Nasser Hussain from their 13.

Igglesden bowled a tidy opening spell in Test cricket but Small posed the problems, and the West Indian-born seamer was rewarded with the first wicket. Marsh mis-hooked a delivery from Small and Igglesden held a catch at mid-on to end a partnership of 48.

## Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA first innings	
G. Marsh c Igglesden b Small	17
M. Taylor c Russell b Igglesden	71
D. Boon c Atherton b Small	46
A. Border c Russell b Capel	76
D. Jones c Gower b Small	122
S. Waugh b Igglesden	14
L. Healy c Russell b Pringle	44
T. Hohns c Russell b Pringle	30
M. Hughes lbw b Pringle	21
G. Lawson b Pringle	2
T. Alderman not out	6
Extras (b-1 lb-9 nb-9)	19
Total	468
Fall of wickets: 1-48 2-130 3-140 4-345 5-347 6-386 7-409 8-447 9-483	
Bowling: Small 40-8-141-3, Igglesden 24-2-91-2, Pringle 24-3-70-4, Capel 16-2-66-1, Cook 25-6-78-0, Atherton 1-0-10-0, Gooch 2-1-20-0	
ENGLAND first innings	
G. Gooch lbw b Alderman	0
J. Stephenson not out	0
M. Atherton not out	0
Extras (nb-1)	1
Total (for one wicket)	1
Fall of wickets: 1-1	
To bat: R. Smith, D. Gower, D. Capel, J. Russell, D. Pringle, G. Small, A. Igglesden, N. Cook	
Bowling to date: Alderman 1-0-1-1, Lawson 0-4-0-0	

## Tavare holds up Worcestershire

LONDON, Aug 25, (Reuters): Leaders Worcestershire were frustrated by a painstaking 89 from Somerset's ex-England batsman Chris Tavare, while title rivals Essex were boosted by 91 from wicketkeeper Mike Garnham in the English County Cricket championship yesterday.

Worcestershire, 14 points ahead of second-placed Essex at the start of the current round of four-day matches, made a deceptively good start by reducing Somerset to 78 for four at Worcester.

However, Tavare held up the defending champions for 282 minutes in an innings containing 16 fours that lifted his side to 256 for eight at the close of the first day.

On a pitch giving some help to the seamers, Tavare hauled Somerset out of trouble in stands of 84 for the fifth wicket with Jonathon Atkinson (46) and 76 for the seventh with his captain Vic Marks (45). Essex maintained pressure on the leaders as Garnham's half century helped them to 324 all out against Northamptonshire, who were 40 for one in reply at the close at Northampton.

Garnham hammered 13 fours in an innings of 132 minutes after useful contributions from Australian Mark Waugh (53), Nadeem Shahid (33) and Nasser Hussain (42), who arrived at the ground before lunch following a dash from the Oval where he had been omitted from England's Test squad.

Third-placed Middlesex, 21 points adrift of Worcestershire, were held up by former England opener Chris Broad, whose flawless 141 not out carried Nottinghamshire to 297 for six by the close at Trent Bridge. Broad, a member of the rebel team to tour South Africa in the next two winters, struck a six and 16 fours in his six-hour effort and shared a fourth wicket stand of 160 with Derek Randall, who made 78 with 12 boundaries.

A total of 21 wickets fell on a green pitch on the first day at Chesterfield where Derbyshire seamer Simon Base started the landslide by taking a career best seven for 60 to send Yorkshire tumbling to 136 all out.

Yorkshire hit back through fast bowler Paul Jarvis, another rebel tourist, who captured six for 27 as Derbyshire crashed to 102 all out. The home side completed the tumble of wickets by snapping up Yorkshire opener Ashley Micallef before the close.

Warwickshire captain Andy Lloyd and West Indian Alvin Kalicharran thrashed bottom-of-the-table Glamorgan's attack at Swansea in a second wicket stand of 241.

Opener Lloyd, dropped on 27, hammered a season's best 183 and Kalicharran scored 119 — the 87th century of his career — as Warwickshire made 384 for seven.

## Lawson set to capture fourth title

BRNO, Czechoslovakia, Aug 25, (Reuters): American Eddie Lawson is cautiously optimistic of winning his fourth 500 cc world championship at the Czechoslovak Motorcycle Grand Prix on Sunday.

Lawson has a 13.5-point lead over his only title rival, fellow-American Wayne Rainey, and needs to score seven points more than his compatriot in Brno to secure the crown.

If he fails, the title will be decided at the final race of the season in Brazil on September 17.

Despite having won four races this year to Rainey's three, Lawson is refusing to take anything for granted.

"I shall believe I have won the title only when I collect enough points," he said. "It may be on Sunday but I'm not going to think about it. I want to ride the best I can and win the race if possible."

Lawson admitted he had expected to spend the season adjusting to riding with Honda after switching from rivals Yamaha last winter having won the world championship in 1984, 1986 and 1988.

"I thought this would be an accommodating year in a new team for me," the 31-year-old Californian said today. "Instead I have another chance of winning the title."

Lawson's Honda teammate Wayne Gardner of Australia, world champion in 1987, who has had a frustrating season after suffering a serious leg injury in April, has won the race on the new 5394-cc track in Brno in each of the last two years.

But Lawson, Rainey and Gardner will again find it difficult to beat tough Texan Kevin Schwantz.

## Thailand moves into 2nd spot

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 25, (KUNA): After playing second fiddle to Malaysia since the 15th SEA Games action began here on Monday, Thailand grabbed most of the gold medals today at the Southeast Asia's premier sporting event reached the half-way mark.

The Thais dominated shooting, gymnastics and bowling, taking 15 gold medals today to take the second spot behind Indonesia who shot further into the lead in the medal hunt by winning another 13 golds.

Hosts Malaysia collected only three golds while Vietnam, competing for the first time in 16

years, secured two shooting golds.

Athletics which provided much of the glamour, ended today with Malaysia dethroning Indonesia as the region's athletic champions with 12 gold medals.

The following is the medal standing of the Games today:

	G	S	B	Total
Indonesia	65	47	35	147
Thailand	39	34	40	113
Malaysia	31	34	44	109
Philippines	17	26	36	79
Singapore	12	17	20	49
Myanmar	10	7	12	29
Vietnam	3	9	3	15
Brunei	1	1	7	8
Laos				0

The Philippines boycotted the SEA Games tennis competition

following the organising committee's decision not to allow them to change a player in a men's singles event yesterday, an organising committee official said today.

The Filipinos failed to turn up for their matches today after they were believed to have decided on the pull out at special meeting last night.

The technical committee later decided to award walkovers to their opponents in today's quarterfinals.

Yesterday, Philippines coach Emmanuelle Tecson requested to substitute a player for Rod Rafael, who was said to be hav-

ing a fever, but this appeal was turned down. The Philippines then gave a walkover to Victor Pereira of Singapore.

Also yesterday, Singapore topped Malaysia in a tense water polo match to stretch its unbeaten streak to 25 years in the Southeast Asian Games event.

Completing the round robin competition with three straight victories, Singapore has dominated the water polo rivalry since it was introduced in the meet in 1965.

Singapore defeated Malaysia 9-7 for the gold medal after beating the Indonesians 9-8 in their opening match Tuesday.

## Kankkunen in front

JYVASKYLA, Finland, Aug 25, (Reuters): Finland's Juha Kankkunen in a Toyota Celica took an early lead after seven stages of the 43-stage 1,000 Lakes motor rally today.

As drivers regrouped after the first morning, Kankkunen led by 17 seconds from team-mate Carlos Sainz of Spain, despite a stop to change a faulty gearbox. Finland's Ari Vatanen in a Mitsubishi was just one second behind the Spaniard.

Markku Alen of Finland, who has won the 1,000 Lakes six times, including last year, was fourth in a Lancia.

Alen won the first stage but

Kankkunen won four of the next six to build up his lead.

An early victim of the punishing rally through 1,447 kms of lakeland forests around the city of Jyväskylä was France's Didier Auriol, who finished third last year.

His Lancia suffered a puncture on the third special stage and, continuing on a flat tyre, he then hit a stone and broke his suspension. A race spokeswoman said he had retired.

The remaining drivers from the 200 starters were to cover a further seven stages before their next stop.

## Kuwait in final round

BEIJING, Aug 25, (KUNA): Kuwait beat Saudi Arabia 22-21 today to reach the final round of the Asian Handball Tournament for men, currently being played here.

The Xinhua news agency reported that Kuwait will have to defeat South Korea, which beat China 37-30, and Japan, which trounced Qatar 34-15, on its way

to the gold medal or else settle for either the silver or bronze medals.

Tomorrow starts the final round Robin final games pitting South Korea against Japan. On Sunday South Korea will face Kuwait and on Aug 29 Kuwait will play Japan to determine winner of the Asian Championship.



Cycling championship

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